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Thursday, April 9, 1998

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Middle School is now fully accredited

The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) announced April 1 that Grayling Middle School (GMS) has received full accreditation.

The school was admitted to membership during the NCA's Annual Meeting in Chicago.

The NCA State Director, Dr. William J. Bushaw of Ann Arbor, extends congratulations to the school and its principal, Michael Branch, noting that, "Grayling Middle School has now joined the growing league of schools whose purpose is the continuing quest for higher levels of quality education."

Standards form the foundation of the NCA's accreditation. Through their membership in NCA, schools voluntarily ascribe to meeting standards established by the organization.

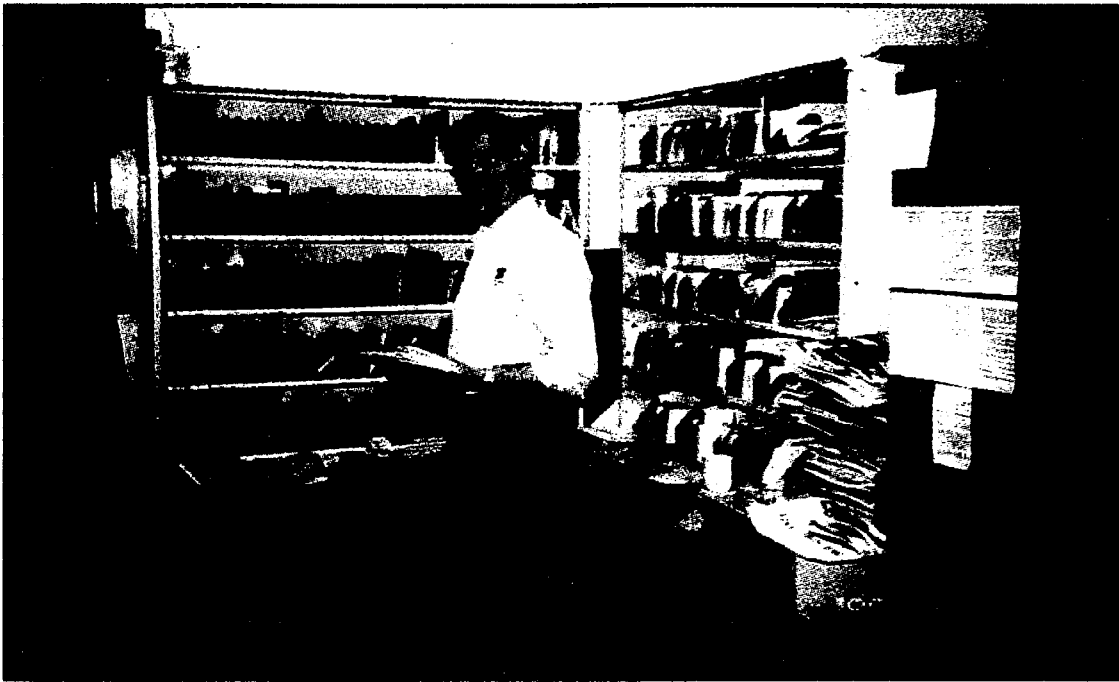
Accreditation is renewed each year. GMS must engage in a demanding continuous improvement process that directly affects the quality of education for every student.

The NCA, the nation's largest regional accrediting association, is a voluntary coalition of over 7,000 schools and over 1,000 colleges and universities in the 19-state region of the central United States.

NCA works with schools, to improve the quality of education through a continuous process of accreditation and evaluation.

The NCA now accredits 1,224 schools in Michigan.

Do you know where you live?



SORTING OUT THE DETAILS -- Postal carrier Phil Faustman is shown sorting mail to the proper carrier routes. He handles mail every day that is improperly addressed with old box/route numbers. By May 1, everyone must start using their 911 address on all pieces of mail or it will be returned to the sender.

Photo by Shirley D. Schmoock

Beaver Creek's 'Deerfield Estates' gain approval

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

When a new subdivision in Beaver Creek — Deerfield Estates — was first submitted in mid-February to the Crawford County Planning Commission, expectations for its early approval were almost guaranteed.

Deerfield was the first new, large residential building project the township had seen in years. In all, the developers anticipated the four-phase project would produce as many as 73 new single family homes.

But, there are problems.

The project lies near an area recently rezoned for extensive commercial expansion. The new subdivision is, in fact, part of the overall plan Beaver Creek has for expanding its tax base and meeting future goals.

Deerfield Estates is west of I-75, off Four Mile Road, between Military and King Roads, on the south side.

The initial site plan submitted to the Planning Commission called for all of the driveways of the front lots (15) to ingress and egress onto Four Mile Road, a county road with no little amount of 55 mile-per-hour traffic, especially at peak seasonal times.

The county's Building & Zoning Department recommended that engineer Larry Paxton of L. V. Paxton Engineering in Roscommon, eliminate all of the Four Mile Road driveways and provide for an east and west entry point to the subdivision. This revision was to be made prior to again requesting approval of the site plan.

These revisions were accomplished by mid-March, and the submission was made, but then something else came to light: Paxton said the owners of the subdivision.

Owners Anthony Maurers of Homer, AK, and Terry Maurers of Plymouth, were planning to request the Road Commission for Crawford County take over the development's roads once they were completed.

It has not, however, been the Road Commission's past practice to take over private roads which, in essence, subsidizes private development. The last road the Road Commission took over was Fox Run, and that was five years ago.

"The Road Commission," said James Briney, Managing Director, "contracts to plow and do routine maintenance on 530 miles of local roads, 170 miles of primary roads, and 103 miles of State trunkline, including I-75. The law makes it very clear," he continued, "that road commissions are not mandated to take over private roads."

"Actually, it would not be an appropriate use of public funds to take over and maintain these roads, and further, it would set a precedent with high growth patterns facing us here over the next ten years. If we were to certify Deerfield Estates into the local road system, we could not deliver service on demand."

This message had been earlier conveyed to the Maurers and to Paxton, but according to Ed Holtcamp, Beaver Creek's representative on the Planning Commission, it was not what Beaver Creek Township officials wanted to hear.

Holtcamp also said he felt that "Briney was stifling future development in Beaver Creek," but also he "didn't believe the setback would derail the development and that something could be worked out down the line."

"As of today," said Briney, "we have not been formally approached to take over the subdivision roads for Deerfield Estates. But, due to the fact that we are never given more money to maintain such roads, I've been asked by my road commissioners to give them the statistics showing that per-mile, the costs keep going up — never down."

Local road funds received in 1997 were \$1,021,845, or \$1,924.38 per mile. The expenses, however, were \$1,216,816, or \$2,291.56 per mile.

The site plan, with revisions, was again submitted to the Planning Commission at its April 1 meeting.

It was approved, subject to Paxton adding turning lanes at both ends of the subdivision for safety reasons.

The first round of Public Hearings on the project will be set as soon as the Planning Commission is assured the turning lane stipulations have been met.

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If you're still getting mail addressed to Mrs. So-n-so, R#4, Box 4300 — then you do not know where you live. And soon, neither will your mail carrier.

When the 911-Central Dispatch was brought to the Grayling area several years ago, the old route/box numbering system was abandoned. Only because the local carriers know most of the people on their various mail routes by name, do these people continue getting their mail, even though the addresses are no longer in use.

On May 1, "the Grayling Post Office will be receiving mail from the Gaylord Post Office in what we call the 'carrier sequence'. It will be sorted in their new plant by street sequence — not by route," said Cathi Barnum, Clerk/Supervisor.

What this will mean is that if a postal patron is not using their 911 address then the local Post office will be unable to locate that old address because the new system will not have the ability to sort it accordingly.

The mail is currently sorted in Traverse City and it is only sorted by 911 address — not by the old

box/route system.

"We are currently sending a lot of mail back to the sender," warned Barnum, and she cautioned people "to look at your mail — see how it's been addressed. If it still contains the route/box numbering sequence, please notify the sender of your address change or they will be unable to get to you at their address after May 1."

As local carrier Phil Faustman goes through the City's mail, it is obvious that many people on his route have not given doctors, friends, or others their correct address. He has about 75 pieces of mail to 'return to sender' because they are undeliverable.

There are 700 blocks in Grayling, "and when someone moves to AuSagra Acres or Cobble Creek and has no apartment number," said Barnum, "how is the carrier supposed to know them?"

Fortunately for many people in Grayling, Faustman does know them. But a new carrier has just begun a route in the city, and that new mail carrier will not be able to deliver letters without the correct address.

So again, do you really know where you live?

Signs of spring are all around us



PURPLE GLORY -- These lovely, delicate crocuses are familiar harbingers of spring, but they didn't have much snow to poke through this year as they are accustomed to do. Other spring sights can be spotted around Grayling. Kids on skateboards and bikes, people enjoying a walk with their dog, folks cleaning away winter debris from their yards and the carwashes sure seem busier. Photo by Shirley D. Schmoock

Mercury found in fish taken from Lake Margrethe

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Mercury is that silvery liquid found in thermometers. It's also an industrial pollutant found in the air, because of the 10,000 tons mined each year — half of it finds its way into the environment.

Some of it has even found its way into Grayling's Lake Margrethe, a pristine fresh water inland lake which boasts a clarity level of 26-feet in depth on good days. It also can boast of some pretty big northern pike and walleye — the kind of fish an angler dreams of and occasionally lies about to wide-eyed friends.

Once mercury becomes airborne though, the tiny particles fall into lakes, rivers and streams. There, fish like the greedy northern and walleye eat the plant matter on which it lands, and as the fish grow, so does their toxic level of mercury. Fish cannot excrete mercury or in any way get rid of it.

Fish are always being touted as a healthy food, and from a nutritional standpoint, most of them are low in fat and high in protein. They are

said to reduce blood pressure, and give certain drugs enhanced performance. But, as big fish eats little fish, with this cannibalistic practice comes even more mercury ingestion along with each evening meal.

The benefits from eating fish are hard to number in human terms, but overall, we're told continually that eating fish is just good common sense. They contain vitamins, minerals, and "the good cholesterol."

Unfortunately, eating one meal of fish a week caught from Lake Margrethe, is about all you should consider. The warnings are valid, and bear some consideration as the chemicals found in Michigan fish are not known to cause immediate sickness.

The Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association (LMPOA) had ten fish tested for mercury last summer. The larger pike were found to contain unsafe amounts of the metal.

Mercury poisoning is insidious; it may make a dandy thermostat switch, but it can dissolve other metals, so guess what it can do when eaten — especially by children or

pregnant women.

The Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) "General Fish Consumption Advice" guide says that it has issued a "special advisory on all inland lakes in Michigan."

The fish they advise against eating more than one meal per week are: Rock bass, perch, crappie over 9 inches. Also listed are any size largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye, northern pike, or muskie — all of which Lake Margrethe is known to house and nurture.

The LMPOA has even built the bass special nesting boxes, and according to DNR fisheries biologist, Steve Sendek "there's fish in most of them."

Finally, the "Michigan Fish Advisory" has a couple of cooking tips: **DO** trim fat from fish, grill the fish and do not reuse the liquid if pan frying. **DON'T** pan fry in butter or animal fat, and don't use the fish for soup or chowders.

To obtain a free copy of this booklet, contact Michigan Department of Community Health 1-800-626-4636.



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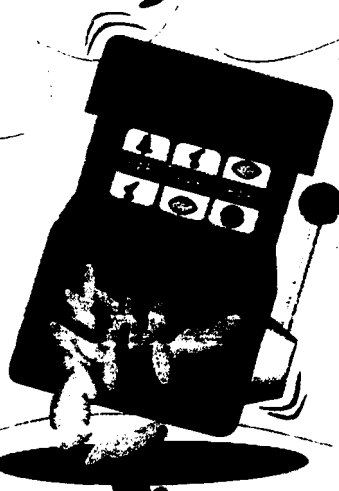
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County's 'Hold Harmless' requirement unnecessary

Forest Dunes still environmental topic

by Shirley D. Schmoock
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The issue presented to the Crawford County Prosecuting Attorney's office by the Planning Commission after their last month's meeting was:

"Whether or not Crawford County can require that the contractor, owner, etc. of Forest Dunes enter into an agreement whereby Crawford County would be held harmless, i.e. without liability, for any damage caused by the adjacent property owners as the result of construction and/or operation of Forest Dunes."

A development the size of Forest Dunes — 1,232 acres in south eastern Crawford County, with two golf courses, several lakes, 1268 residential homes, and a club house — has caused some stir within the community since the project was first brought to the Planning

Commission's attention for site approval.

The main concern was and has been the potential for harm coming to the AuSable River water shed located near the development. A multiple of test wells, therefore, have been drilled to prove out the theory that the aquifers located beneath the Forest Dunes property can and will continue to support the overall development of the project.

David Sabin, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, in his opinion continued by saying, "if the county is diligent in examining the potential for damage to adjacent property owners and the examination is conducted by competent, recognized professionals, the county will have the equivalent of a hold harmless agreement in that they will have not been negligent in performing their duties under the ordinance but rather would have

taken all necessary and reasonable steps to protect the public."

Attorney for Forest Dunes, Susan Topp of Plunkett & Cooney, was on hand to accept the Prosecutor's opinion and to request yet another 30-day extension on the project.

"We've had difficulty in meeting the plan regarding the Four Mile Road entrance. We've been unable to secure the necessary permits from the U. S. Forest Service, though we are currently exploring alternative access to the subdivision."

She continued on to say that the entrance to Forest Dunes was being "re-engineered, and that we're dropping our request the gas and convenience center be part of Phase I. We now request that it become part of Phase II."

Site Manager for Forest Dunes, Tom Fous, was also at the April meeting to present schematic drawings of the club house for the devel-

opment. The drawings indicated it would be a shaker-sided, pillared building with stone facing and a rustic appearance.

Fous, too, said he was working on the possibility of a land swap with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, but was not optimistic "due to the exhaustive impact studies we'd have to submit." The developer had thought there might be a way to exchange some of the project's land for road access across Four Mile Road.

The U. S. Forest Service owns the property in question. It's a 40-acre parcel which contains colonies of Kirtland Warblers — an endangered species of bird about the size of a sparrow. The bird is known to only nest in Crawford County's young Jack Pine forests, and though few people ever see them — they can be spotted by trained observers.



Guidelines for city yard waste pick-up

The City of Grayling will soon begin its curb side yard waste collection program, which involves pick ups on the second and fourth Saturdays of every month, beginning in May.

The disposal program is run by the City of Grayling and City Environmental Services, Inc. and will be in effect until November.

Yard waste includes leaves, grass clippings, vegetable or other garden debris, shrubbery, small brush and tree trimmings under one inch in diameter.

Waste must be contained in either biodegradable bags or rigid, reusable containers. The filled containers must weigh less than 50 pounds.

Plastic bags or cardboard boxes are not acceptable and will not be picked up.

Biodegradable bags can be purchased at the City Building for 45 cents each.

Broken bags or spillage caused prior to handling by CES is the responsibility of the resident and may result in the drivers leaving it on the curb side.

Items not included in yard waste pick-up include: diseased or infested clippings, dead animals or offal, landscaping material, dirt, sod, tree trunks or stumps, and tree branches over one inch in diameter.

Yard waste must be at the curb side by 7 a.m. on the Saturday pick-up day. Drivers will not wait for waste to be brought to the curb side.

Questions regarding yard waste collection can be referred to the Grayling City Office at 348-2131 or City Environmental Services at 1-800-968-0237.

Sheriff gives presentation to County Commissioners

by Shirley D. Schmoock
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Sheriff Dave Lovely, at the Board of Commissioners meeting March 24, tried to explain the need for a 45-minute presentation on behalf of his department. When asked what it was about, he said it was a "motivational tape about working together and getting along."

The motivational tape was of a speech by long time Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz to Ford Motor Company employees. Holtz spoke about teamwork and a positive work environment.

That presentation, however, was delayed because three of the board members, Smock, Bretzke and Long, were not able to give him that much time. His presentation was then rescheduled for after the Ways and Means meeting, which was to

follow the regular meeting.

The Sheriff was allowed, however, to deliver a brief synopsis of how he felt his department compared to those of other small county departments. He said he was as concerned about the county budget deficit as everyone else and would do everything he could to help.

"Most counties with populations equal to ours, have operating millages," he said, "especially for their jails. But, my biggest problem is replacing patrol officers without using overtime hours."

"We're on the roads 24-hours a day with two patrolmen after darkness, and we're down three positions now." The Grayling Police Department has five officers.

"Right now, we're covering 10 positions and 540 square miles with seven available patrolmen."

It's showtime at Shoppenagon's Vintage hotel reopens



GET ON YOUR MARK -- The waitstaff at Chief Shoppenagon's hotel and restaurant anxiously wait behind the scenes before serving the opening night crowd. Pictured from left are: JoAnn Michal, Becky Frankowski, Donna Sauter, Nikki Moggo and, in the foreground is Dori McClain. Photo by Shirley D. Schmoock

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An anxious waitstaff huddled by the kitchen, as an appreciative crowd of about 300 people "ooohed and aahed" at the plush surroundings of the newly renovated hotel and 1916 eating establishment.

The opening date was set for March 26 and by that date, except for last minute glitches — it was showtime for the old landmark building.

Mercy Hospital sponsored the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event at the hotel, but there seemed to be many onlookers who "just wanted to see what they'd done with the place." Quite a few of them con-

sidered themselves "old-timers" and said they liked what they saw.

What Susan Keyport Bateson and Fred Fedak, co-owners, have done is to completely gut the building of its 1960's drab-shabbiness and build into the background light, glamour, and a lot of class.

Local stained-glass artist, Judy Woodland, loaned her considerable talents to the effort. She crafted the entry-way panels and those in the main bar, her designs help bring out the ancient flavor of old "Chief Shop" himself.

"Getting open in time for the After Hours was a struggle," said Bateson, "but we did it and everyone seems to love it."

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Court wants security buzzers installed

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

When an unfortunate incident happened within the confines of the Circuit Court section of the Crawford County Building last week, it was found that only one desk in two was wired for a security buzzer.

Nothing of consequence happened, but it could have.

A litigant was apparently upset with the outcome of an action taken there and became verbally abusive to court staff.

Following the disruption, Chief Judge Alton Davis of the 46th Circuit Trial Court issued a court order to get another security buzzer installed.

Commissioner Lynnette Corlew brought this to the attention of the board at their regular meeting on

March 24, and Commissioner Dennis Long wanted to know "But, why a court order? Why not a simple request? This, to me, is counter-productive to a good working relationship."

He then moved to have the court order withdrawn and have it replaced with a request.

Commissioner Kathy Black objected, saying the board had no authority to override a circuit court order.

Chairman John Hartman finalized the issue by allowing the purchase to be made.

"I'm sad to see it come to us in the form of a court order," said Hartman, "but people who come into this building could pass all points and still be a problem in the secured areas."

Concealed weapon laws scrutinized

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

The right to own weapons in this country is guaranteed by not one, but two special laws. They are similar but unequal.

The first is the U. S. Constitution which allows for a "well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

And, Article I Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution, which says "Every person has a right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and the state."

"What responsible adult with 12 hours of training will be able to defend him or herself when attacked in public?" asked Marj Levin, President of the Michigan Citizens for Handgun Control in a recent letter to the *Detroit Free Press* on the subject. She then went on to cite that "54 officers of the law were murdered in 51 incidents, and 85 percent did not fire their service weapons, and 20 percent were killed with their own guns."

Sobering thought, but the issue won't be settled by those armed with gory statistics or by those storming around with road-rage attitudes about "my rights."

One way or another, the law regarding who can carry a concealed weapon and under what restrictions — if any — is about to be changed.

The initial Cropsey bill to change

Citizen suggests that Board use sound amplification at meetings

by Shirley Schmoock
Special Writer

Robert McIntosh of Grayling, during the March 24 Crawford County Commissioners meeting, informed the Board that he was having difficulty hearing all of the proceedings.

At the time during the meeting when citizens were called upon to speak, if they wished, McIntosh said he had trouble hearing the commissioners "when you talk amongst yourselves."

Kirtland to celebrate renovation project with April ceremony

Kirtland Community College will be holding a ground breaking ceremony on Monday, April 20 to commemorate the college's construction and renovation plans, a \$7.2 million capital improvement program. The day's events are open to the public.

The celebration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a news conference near Kirtland's Academic Building. A short ground breaking ceremony will follow, and a series of campus tours, presentations and classroom demonstrations will fill the rest of the day's agenda.

Special invitations have been sent to state legislators, area educators, students, public officials, community leaders, senior citizen groups, state officials and news media representatives. Everyone who attends the event will be able to take part in the tours and open house presentations.

"We've waited a long time for this day and now that it is here we want as many people as possible to share our joy," said Kirtland President Dorothy Franke.

Kirtland district voters approved a \$4 million general obligation bond issue for the building expansion program in October of 1995. The bond issue funds, combined with student facility fees and \$300,000 left over from previous building projects, were matched with \$3,616,900 in funding from the State Bonding Authority and \$100 from the State General Fund.

The Kirtland construction plans involve three projects: an addition to the Academic Building, an addition to

the Uniform Concealed Carry Standards failed, but the recent one has gained 59 sponsors, including Rep. Allen Lowe (R-Grayling).

Lowe believes that reforming the process for obtaining a concealed weapon permit "should not be up to the whim of the county licensing board which consists of the county sheriff, county prosecutor, and the director of the state police or one of their designees."

"There's no need to carry the law like it's been since 1927," said Grayling Police Chief, Peter J. Stephan. "It's time that it was overhauled to fit the changing times."

According to Stephan, who is a member of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police and its immediate past president, he's more than ready to speak on behalf of the bill when it comes before the State Senate sometime this month.

"Alan Cropsey did an excellent job last time, because now an applicant must have training, they must disclose mental illness, and the National Rifle Association has been named as a training facility."

The amended bill, when compared to the existing law, would force the local licensing board to award a permit unless they could show that the applicant did not meet the criteria for getting one. The board would have to prove the applicant had violated an extensive list of "actions considered detrimental to society."

Some of those 'actions' are convictions for felonious assault,

He said that some amplification device should be made available for the benefit of those who are hard of hearing.

"No offense to the ladies," he nodded, "but you're hard to hear and so is the chairman, who has his back to me. I have no trouble with Mr. Smock and Mr. Bretzke."

Long responded by saying "we should put up a notice somewhere that we have such a system. We've bought and paid for it. Why don't we use it?"

attempted murder, home invasion, escaping confinement, murder, manslaughter, all degrees of criminal sexual conduct, armed and unarmed robbery, and quite a few more.

Violent misdemeanors are also listed. Some of those are assault on spouse, abuse, negligent homicide, stalking, being found 'not guilty' by reason of insanity.

The final provision under 'violent misdemeanor charges' also includes a lengthy definition about an applicant's mental capacity or incapacity.

Women's groups are naturally against any relaxation of this current law, most expressing that the combination of fists and booze do not need a weapon added to the equation.

The Marketing Resource Group of Lansing recently conducted a poll for Bill Ballenger of *Inside Michigan Politics*, which stated in Feb., 61 percent were opposed to relaxing the restrictions.

"People licensed to carry guns

rarely stop crimes, but all too many of them commit crimes," said Susan Glick of the Violence Policy Center in Washington.

This opinion is apparently bearing fruit, as an upcoming federal requirement will require instant background checks for the buyers of all firearms — including rifles and shotguns. This federal mandate will take effect in Nov. of 1998.

The purchasers will be submitted to the FBI's "instant check program", and Emmet Rathbun, director of this new program said "I think a lot of people are unaware that shotguns and rifles are included in this."

This \$7 million program will approve or reject gun sales within 30 seconds for 80 percent of those seeking permission to own that firearm.

But, with all conflicting testimony aside, the question still nags at the social fiber and remains: Is an armed society really a polite society?

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Special Writer

The issue presented to the Crawford County Prosecuting Attorney's office by the Planning Commission after their last month's meeting was:

"Whether or not Crawford County can require that the contractor, owner, etc. of Forest Dunes enter into an agreement whereby Crawford County would be held harmless, i.e. without liability, for any damage caused by the adjacent property owners as the result of construction and/or operation of Forest Dunes."

A development the size of Forest Dunes — 1,232 acres in south eastern Crawford County, with two golf courses, several lakes, 1268 residential homes, and a club house — has caused some stir within the community since the project was first brought to the Planning

Commission's attention for site approval.

The main concern was and has been the potential for harm coming to the AuSable River water shed located near the development. A multiple of test wells, therefore, have been drilled to prove out the theory that the aquifers located beneath the Forest Dunes property can and will continue to support the overall development of the project.

David Sabin, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, in his opinion continued by saying, "if the county is diligent in examining the potential for damage to adjacent property owners and the examination is conducted by competent, recognized professionals, the county will have the equivalent of a hold harmless agreement in that they will have not been negligent in performing their duties under the ordinance but rather would have

taken all necessary and reasonable steps to protect the public."

Attorney for Forest Dunes, Susan Topp of Plunkett & Cooney, was on hand to accept the Prosecutor's opinion and to request yet another 30-day extension on the project.

"We've had difficulty in meeting the plan regarding the Four Mile Road entrance. We've been unable to secure the necessary permits from the U. S. Forest Service, though we are currently exploring alternative access to the subdivision."

She continued on to say that the entrance to Forest Dunes was being "re-engineered, and that we're dropping our request the gas and convenience center be part of Phase I. We now request that it become part of Phase II."

Site Manager for Forest Dunes, Tom Fous, was also at the April meeting to present schematic drawings of the club house for the devel-

opment. The drawings indicated it would be a shaker-sided, pillared building with stone facing and a rustic appearance.

Fous, too, said he was working on the possibility of a land swap with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, but was not optimistic "due to the exhaustive impact studies we'd have to submit." The developer had thought there might be a way to exchange some of the project's land for road access across Four Mile Road.

The U. S. Forest Service owns the property in question. It's a 40-acre parcel which contains colonies of Kirtland Warblers — an endangered species of bird about the size of a sparrow. The bird is known to only nest in Crawford County's young Jack Pine forests, and though few people ever see them — they can be spotted by trained observers.

Guidelines for city yard waste pick-up

The City of Grayling will soon begin its curb side yard waste collection program, which involves pick ups on the second and fourth Saturdays of every month, beginning in May.

The disposal program is run by the City of Grayling and City Environmental Services, Inc. and will be in effect until November.

Yard waste includes leaves, grass clippings, vegetable or other garden debris, shrubbery, small brush and tree trimmings under one inch in diameter.

Waste must be contained in either biodegradable bags or rigid, reusable containers. The filled containers must weigh less than 50 pounds.

Plastic bags or cardboard boxes are not acceptable and will not be picked up.

Biodegradable bags can be purchased at the City Building for 45 cents each.

Broken bags or spillage caused prior to handling by CES is the responsibility of the resident and may result in the drivers leaving it on the curb side.

Items not included in yard waste pick-up include: diseased or infested clippings, dead animals or offal, landscaping material, dirt, sod, tree trunks or stumps, and tree branches over one inch in diameter.

Yard waste must be at the curb side by 7 a.m. on the Saturday pick-up day. Drivers will not wait for waste to be brought to the curb side.

Questions regarding yard waste collection can be referred to the Grayling City Office at 348-2131 or City Environmental Services at 1-800-968-0237.

Sheriff gives presentation to County Commissioners

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

Sheriff Dave Lovely, at the Board of Commissioners meeting March 24, tried to explain the need for a 45-minute presentation on behalf of his department. When asked what it was about, he said it was a "motivational tape about working together and getting along."

The motivational tape was of a speech by long time Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz to Ford Motor Company employees. Holtz spoke about teamwork and a positive work environment.

That presentation, however, was delayed because three of the board members, Smock, Bretzke and Long, were not able to give him that much time. His presentation was then rescheduled for after the Ways and Means meeting, which was to

follow the regular meeting.

The Sheriff was allowed, however, to deliver a brief synopsis of how he felt his department compared to those of other small county departments. He said he was as concerned about the county budget deficit as everyone else and would do everything he could to help.

"Most counties with populations equal to ours, have operating millages," he said, "especially for their jails. But, my biggest problem is replacing patrol officers without using overtime hours."

"We're on the roads 24-hours a day with two patrolmen after darkness, and we're down three positions now." The Grayling Police Department has five officers.

"Right now, we're covering 10 positions and 540 square miles with seven available patrolmen."



It's showtime at Shoppenagon's Vintage hotel reopens



GET ON YOUR MARK -- The waitstaff at Chief Shoppenagon's hotel and restaurant anxiously wait behind the scenes before serving the opening night crowd. Pictured from left are: JoAnn Michal, Becky Frankowski, Donna Sauter, Nikki Moggo and, in the foreground is Dori McClain. Photo by Shirley D. Schmoock

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

An anxious waitstaff huddled by the kitchen, as an appreciative crowd of about 300 people "oohed and aahed" at the plush surroundings of the newly renovated hotel and 1916 eating establishment.

The opening date was set for March 26 and by that date, except for last minute glitches — it was showtime for the old landmark building.

Mercy Hospital sponsored the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event at the hotel, but there seemed to be many onlookers who "just wanted to see what they'd done with the place." Quite a few of them con-

sidered themselves "old-timers" and said they liked what they saw.

What Susan Keyport Bateson and Fred Fedak, co-owners, have done is to completely gut the building of its 1960's drab-shabbiness and build into the background light, glamour, and a lot of class.

Local stained-glass artist, Judy Woodland, loaned her considerable talents to the effort. She crafted the entry-way panels and those in the main bar, her designs help bring out the ancient flavor of old "Chief Shop" himself.

"Getting open in time for the After Hours was a struggle," said Bateson, "but we did it and everyone seems to love it."

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Court wants security buzzers installed

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

When an unfortunate incident happened within the confines of the Circuit Court section of the Crawford County Building last week, it was found that only one desk in two was wired for a security buzzer.

Nothing of consequence happened, but it could have.

A litigant was apparently upset with the outcome of an action taken there and became verbally abusive to court staff.

Following the disruption, Chief Judge Alton Davis of the 46th Circuit Trial Court issued a court order to get another security buzzer installed.

Commissioner Lynette Corlew brought this to the attention of the board at their regular meeting on

March 24, and Commissioner Dennis Long wanted to know "But, why a court order? Why not a simple request? This, to me, is counter-productive to a good working relationship."

He then moved to have the court order withdrawn and have it replaced with a request.

Commissioner Kathy Black objected, saying the board had no authority to override a circuit court order.

Chairman John Hartman finalized the issue by allowing the purchase to be made.

"I'm sad to see it come to us in the form of a court order," said Hartman, "but people who come into this building could pass all points and still be a problem in the secured areas."

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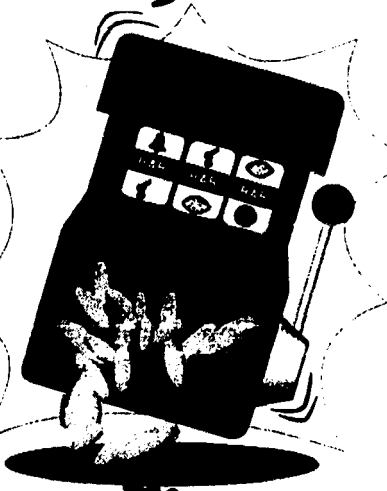
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Concealed weapon laws scrutinized

by Shirley D. Schmooch
Special Writer

The right to own weapons in this country is guaranteed by not one, but two special laws. They are similar but unequal.

The first is the U. S. Constitution which allows for a "well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

And, Article I Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution, which says "Every person has a right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and the state."

"What responsible adult with 12 hours of training will be able to defend him or herself when attacked in public?" asked Marj Levin, President of the Michigan Citizens for Handgun Control in a recent letter to the *Detroit Free Press* on the subject. She then went on to cite that "54 officers of the law were murdered in 51 incidents, and 85 percent did not fire their service weapons, and 20 percent were killed with their own guns."

Sobering thought, but the issue won't be settled by those armed with gory statistics or by those storming around with road-rage attitudes about "my rights."

One way or another, the law regarding who can carry a concealed weapon and under what restrictions — if any — is about to be changed.

The initial Cropsey bill to change

Citizen suggests that Board use sound amplification at meetings

by Shirley Schmooch
Special Writer

Robert McIntosh of Grayling, during the March 24 Crawford County Commissioners meeting, informed the Board that he was having difficulty hearing all of the proceedings.

At the time during the meeting when citizens were called upon to speak, if they wished, McIntosh said he had trouble hearing the commissioners "when you talk amongst yourselves."

Kirtland to celebrate renovation project with April ceremony

Kirtland Community College will be holding a ground breaking ceremony on Monday, April 20 to commemorate the college's construction and renovation plans, a \$7.2 million capital improvement program. The day's events are open to the public.

The celebration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a news conference near Kirtland's Academic Building. A short ground breaking ceremony will follow, and a series of campus tours, presentations and classroom demonstrations will fill the rest of the day's agenda.

Special invitations have been sent to state legislators, area educators, students, public officials, community leaders, senior citizens groups, state officials and news media representatives. Everyone who attends the event will be able to take part in the tours and open house presentations.

"We've waited a long time for this day and now that it is here we want as many people as possible to share our joy," said Kirtland President Dorothy Franke.

Kirtland district voters approved a \$4 million general obligation bond issue for the building expansion program in October of 1995. The bond issue funds, combined with student facility fees and \$300,000 left over from previous building projects, were matched with \$3,616,900 in funding from the State Bonding Authority and \$100 from the State General Fund.

The Kirtland construction plans involve three projects: an addition to the Academic Building, an addition to

the Uniform Concealed Carry Standards failed, but the recent one has gained 59 sponsors, including Rep. Allen Lowe (R-Grayling).

Lowe believes that reforming the process for obtaining a concealed weapon permit "should not be up to the whim of the county licensing board which consists of the county sheriff, county prosecutor, and the director of the state police or one of their designees."

"There's no need to carry the law like it's been since 1927," said Grayling Police Chief, Peter J. Stephan. "It's time that it was overhauled to fit the changing times."

According to Stephan, who is a member of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police and its immediate past president, he's more than ready to speak on behalf of the bill when it comes before the State Senate sometime this month.

"Alan Cropsey did an excellent job last time, because now an applicant must have training, they must disclose mental illness, and the National Rifle Association has been named as a training facility."

The amended bill, when compared to the existing law, would force the local licensing board to award a permit unless they could show that the applicant did not meet the criteria for getting one. The board would have to prove the applicant had violated an extensive list of "actions considered detrimental to society."

Some of those 'actions' are convictions for felonious assault,

attempted murder, home invasion, escaping confinement, murder, manslaughter, all degrees of criminal sexual conduct, armed and unarmed robbery, and quite a few more.

Violent misdemeanors are also listed. Some of those are assault or spouse abuse, negligent homicide, stalking, being found 'not guilty' by reason of insanity.

The final provision under 'violent misdemeanor charges' also includes a lengthy definition about an applicant's mental capacity or incapacity.

Women's groups are naturally against any relaxation of this current law, most expressing that the combination of fists and booze do not need a weapon added to the equation.

The Marketing Resource Group of Lansing recently conducted a poll for Bill Ballenger of *Inside Michigan Politics*, which stated in Feb., 61 percent were opposed to relaxing the restrictions.

"People licensed to carry guns

rarely stop crimes, but all too many of them commit crimes," said Susan Glick of the Violence Policy Center in Washington.

This opinion is apparently bearing fruit, as an upcoming federal requirement will require instant background checks for the buyers of all firearms — including rifles and shotguns. This federal mandate will take affect in Nov. of 1998.

The purchasers will be submitted to the FBI's "instant check program", and Emmet Rathbun, director of this new program said "I think a lot of people are unaware that shotguns and rifles are included in this."

This \$7 million program will approve or reject gun sales within 30 seconds for 80 percent of those seeking permission to own that firearm.

But, with all conflicting testimony aside, the question still nags at the social fiber and remains: Is an armed society really a polite society?

People licensed to carry guns

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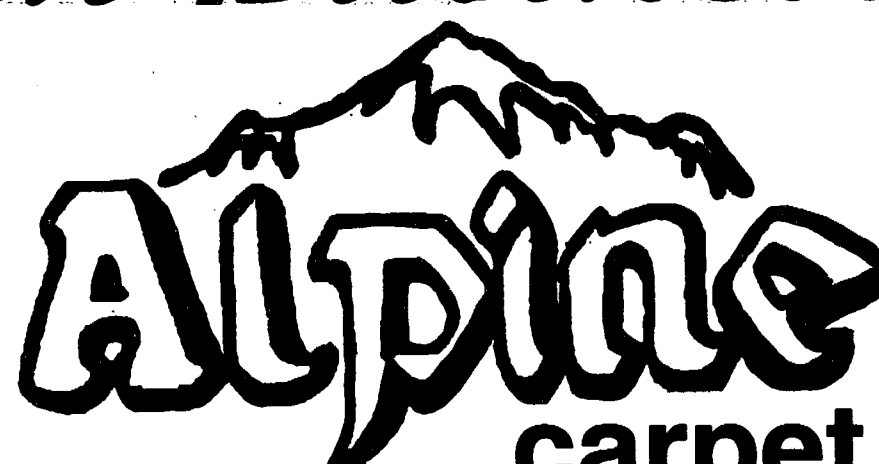
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Can Paula Jones case finally be history?

NOW THAT Federal Judge Susan Webber Wright has dismissed the Paula Jones sexual harassment suit against President Clinton, is it all over or what?

Here's one vote for the "or what" part of that quandary.

The throw-out decision seemed to fit the circumstances.

Judge Wright found that even if what Ms. Jones claimed were true, it wasn't criminal sexual assault, and that the evidence fell "far short" of proving sexual harassment.

"Although the governor's alleged conduct, if true, may certainly be characterized as boorish and offensive," Judge Wright wrote, "even a most charitable reading of the record in this case fails to reveal a basis for a claim of criminal sexual assault as there is no alleged conduct that could be characterized as forcible compulsion."

Judge Wright was appointed to the federal bench by President George Bush, and was a frequent critic and opponent of Mr. Clinton back in his Arkansas political days.

THE PAULA JONES case in retrospect seems always to have been a simple case of "he said...she said."

But it has not been an easy case, and it's been going on almost four

years. Judge Wright's ruling was 39 pages long, and came less than a month after the Jones side submitted more than 700 pages of documents in support of its evidence, and the Clinton side filed 200 pages of documents disputing the Jones side.

It has been a long and tortuous legal route.

The hotel room incident — whatever it really was — occurred in 1991, when Mr. Clinton was governor of Arkansas and Ms. Jones was a state employee.

She went public with her allegations in February 1994. Mr. Clinton's attorneys first tried to negotiate a settlement, but it didn't work, and Ms. Jones filed suit in May 1994.

EARLY ON, Mr. Clinton asked to have the suit thrown out claiming presidential immunity.

Judge Wright ruled that the lawsuit should be delayed until after Mr. Clinton leaves office. The Jones side appealed, and won an appeals court reversal. Mr. Clinton appealed to the Supreme Court, which agreed to handle the case, but only after the 1996 presidential election. A few months after Mr. Clinton won

reelection, the Supreme Court rejected the Clinton appeal and decided the suit should go ahead.

Since then, the Clinton side has asked twice more for dismissal — last December when denying all the Jones allegations, and about six weeks ago, citing lack of evidence.

Judge Wright agreed. Out went the Jones case.

Now what? — Clinton backers are jubilant, Jones backers are stunned.

"The President is pleased to receive the vindication he has been waiting a long time for," said Mike McCurry, White House spokesperson.

Legal victory it certainly is, but vindication it is not.

The Jones side promises yet another appeal, which could take a year or so to handle.

So far, the Clinton side has not done well in appeals. The President lost at both the federal appeals and Supreme Court levels when Judge Wright wanted to delay the whole thing until after Mr. Clinton is no longer president.

Whether the pattern would repeat

is unknown, but different judges look at identical situations differently. In the Jones case, they did before and they may well do the same thing again.

When it comes to politics mixed with sex, nothing is certain.

ONE OF THE unfortunate aspects is that the Paula Jones case has dragged on so long — almost four years from when it was filed — especially when the presiding judge found the answer so simple and basic.

Most of the delays have been due to appeals and more appeals — a time consuming process which any be aggravating to non-participants, but which seeks to assure fair, impartial and complete justice.

Given the speed and decisiveness with which Judge Wright acted finally, it's a good bet the case would have been settled and cleared away years ago — had it not been for the ponderous but protective judicial process.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Shoppenagon's Inn impresses patrons with opening night gala

To the editor,

As a few of the many fortunate people who enjoyed spending Thursday and Friday evening, March 26 and 27, at Shoppenagon's Inn, we would like to share our impressions with you.

When we first heard of this joint venture by Susan Hayes Bateson and Fred Fedak, we were wondering if they were just slightly out of their minds. Then, after we visited them at the Hotel and saw what needed to be done (such as the massive cleaning that ended up requiring over 200 gallons of straight ammonia) and heard their plans for removing walls and adding gift shops, we know they were more than slightly out of their minds!

Agreeing to stop by again soon, we left thinking it an impossible undertaking and we marveled at how truly brave they were. We also wondered how they were going to be ready to open in just a few week's time.

Our next visit found the cleaning pretty much under control, thanks to the helping hands of Susan's children, Missey, Brandy and Jonathan, and Nancy and Bill Cox. Kitchen equipment, table settings, and furniture had been inventoried and new materials had been ordered. A chef had been hired, a sous chef interviewed, and a pastry chef considered. We left that day thinking they might be able to pull this off after all.

Our third visit was made about ten days before they were to open. The beautiful carpeting was down, the walls were stained and painted, the ceiling tiles were in place, the bathrooms were papered, and the menus were printed. The unique liquor serving system was working, and the chairs and bar rails were being recovered by the work of their own hands. We left in awe of what had been done and said we wouldn't miss the thrill of being there opening night.

Thursday, March 26 arrived with as much anticipation and excitement on our part as that of the audience at the Academy Awards. We can only imagine that those who were personally involved in the renovation must have been feeling much like the Academy Award Nominees!

We walked in the front door of the

old Shoppenagon Hotel and were stunned! Hundreds of people were mingling, live music was playing, and the whole place was jumping with excitement. We spent a wonderful evening in the brilliantly renovated, beautifully decorated Shoppenagon's Inn. Our food was perfectly prepared and beautifully served. Our waitress was extremely helpful and managed to make us feel like we were her only table, while in truth she was very busy. Susan and Fred were gracious in answering the millions of questions asked by all of their guests without appearing to be overwhelmed by all of the work it had taken to get to this glorious evening.

After many hours of eating, visiting, and marveling, we left that night planning to return in a couple of weeks for another delicious meal. All the way home we raved about the food, how much we had enjoyed the evening, and how nice it was to have an elegant yet comfortable place to go, with the added benefit of visiting with so many old friends we hadn't had the opportunity to spend time with. Before we arrived at home we had changed our plans and decided to go back the very next night for dinner.

Friday was a repeat of the previous night, leaving us with full stomachs and many happy memories.

We hope Grayling residents appreciate the abilities of Susan and Fred to take a building so historically important to Grayling and turn it into a new and improved version without changing the historical value of the Hotel. It is truly amazing. We are so proud of Susan and Fred, and all their helpers. It is easy to be doubtful and critical, but much nicer to be truthful and say, "The winners are the owners and operators of 'Shoppenagon's Inn!' And lucky for us, we can all enjoy the benefits. In the category of most successful accomplishment under difficult circumstances, our Academy Award goes to Susan, Fred, Jayne, Missey, Brandy, Jonathan, Nancy, Bill, Chef Jeffrey, the wait staff and all involved. Way to go!

Doris Sorenson,
Marcia Sullivan,
and Kirsten Billeter,
Grayling

Congressmen praised for small business legislation

To the editor,

ROSES to United States Congressman Dave Camp, Vernon Ehlers, Peter Hoekstra, Joe Knollenberg, Nick Smith and Fred Upton for the votes they recently cast in favor of small business. The vote to which I refer was H.R. 3246, "The Fairness for Small Business and Employees Act," which passed the U.S. House of Representatives on March 26.

This legislation will essentially help ensure employers that when they hire an applicant, he or she is at least 50 percent motivated to truly work for the company. The bill will help stop dishonest individuals from seeking jobs just to file frivolous charges against the employer. Many small businesses, including many in our state, are finding themselves under this kind of attack known as "salting" abuses.

These small businesses are forced to pay thousands of dollars in legal fees to defend themselves during lengthy government investigations of charges that are ultimately reject-

ed for no merit. This anti-competitive practice wastes government resources and tax dollars. It also jeopardizes jobs for honest employees and stifles small business growth in our communities.

Thank you Congressmen for voting in favor of small business. Your vote demonstrates your strong commitment to the small businesses of this community and across the country.

RASPBERRIES to United States Representatives Bart Stupak, for failing to stand up for our local small businesses and their workers. I am appalled by Congressman Stupak's vote and can only hope that when given a second chance, he will remember the importance of small businesses to our district's economy and cast his vote in favor of these employers and their employees. Thank you.

Linda Wiseley,
Executive vice-president
Associated Builders and
Contractors,
Northern Michigan Chapter

Eagles' president speaks

To the editor,

The articles which appeared in *The Avalanche* on March 12 and March 19 were not researched very well by the party interviewed.

Being an Eagle member, I know that one person cannot say where our money is going to be spent. It has to be brought up at our meetings and then voted on by the members.

The rescue sled has been brought up and discussed but never voted on. To our knowledge, there has never been bad reputations for this club, past, present, or future.

W.R. Mansfield,
President,
Eagles Aerie #3465,
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EDITOR

Lowe's character and record defended by local supporter

To the editor,

In an attack letter appearing here last week State Rep. Alan Lowe was portrayed as someone who spends every Saturday at a N.R.A. approved trap and skeet range, and every Sunday at church, somehow dragging his family both ways. (As for myself, if I were to lose one of my grandkids or my wallet, I'd much rather prefer that a religious gun-owner is the finder. I just don't trust anti-religious gun-grabbers with my or America's future.)

For the record however, the Mr. Lowe that I've worked with is a much more complex gentleman than implied.

He has worked to improve tourism and to prepare this area for the next "Big Forest Fire" so that we all can enjoy God's country in the future.

It would also be incorrect to imply that his dedication to life and liberty ends at the first or second amendment. His entire life has shown that he cares about every aspect of our God-given freedom as laboriously outlined by our founders.

If Mr. Lowe let down his vigilance to just one of these great prin-

ciples in anyway, however small, it would be unlike Lowe's true "Aim High, Vote Lowe" Values. And, that would indeed be a headline story.

A difference between a statesman and a politician is that one adheres to his principles, while the other, at best, adheres to polls.

Unlike his predecessor (Who like many of his supporters believed that the office was his for a lifetime) Lowe supported term limits then and he does today. (Term limits, through an infusion of fresh new blood might also go a long way toward solving the Crawford County long standing mis-management problems and related abuse lawsuits too numerous to mention here.)

As for the future, the above letter writer might keep Alan Lowe's phone number nearby in case he finds himself in hot water. You never know how much a former office-holder can do, until you really need help. Especially one who maintains his principles and keeps his powder dry.

Joseph Caliewaert
Chairman, Great Lakes Property
Rights League,
AuSable Chapter

Uptown merchants shouldn't use "up-front" parking

To the editor,

This letter is in regard to the merchants and their employees parking on the main street during normal business hours. I myself have been guilty of this and I apologize to anyone that this has inconvenienced. I own the Framery II next to Amicare.

We do have a handicapped parking space available which I can say is very well respected. On occasion someone may use it for just a minute to pick something up or drop something off, but only if there is, no where else to park.

On the west side of the street it is especially important to leave parking spaces available because several handicapped and senior citizens

who frequent Amicare have oxygen tanks they need to carry in to have filled, etc. It is very hard for them when they cannot park or have to go to the end of the block, or even across the street.

There is a huge parking lot behind this block that we, the merchants and employees, can park in. We have senior citizens and handicapped people who shop in our stores or would like to if they could find a parking space.

Let's try not make it so hard for them.

All that I ask is that we try to be more considerate of the customers in our community.

Paula Edlund,
Grayling



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BRIEFS

Good Friday Service to be held

Burning Bush Tabernacle will hold their Good Friday Service at 1 p.m. on April 10. The church is located at 501 E. Michigan Avenue in Grayling. All are welcome and invited to attend.

Final Lions Lucky 13 winner announced

The Lions Club announced that Jacqueline Guerny is the winner of \$300 from the 13th and final week of drawings.

Ladies of St. John Lutheran luncheon

The Ladies of St. John Lutheran Church will host a luncheon and card party Wednesday, April 15 in the fellowship hall beginning at noon. For more information call 348-5224.

Kirtland Garden Club meeting planned

The Kirtland Garden Club will meet Tuesday, April 21 at 1 p.m. at the Congregational Church in Roscommon. Eleanor Washburn will be speaking about what to plant in a garden in order to attract birds. For information call Barb at (517) 275-5832 or Jean at (517) 366-5169.

Eagles members to nominate officers

Nomination of officers will take place for Aerie #3465 on April 20 and for the Ladies Auxiliary on April 16. For information call Wally at 348-5287.

Rotary Calendar winners for March

The Rotary Calendar winners for the month of March are Mark Furst - \$50, Sherri Patchin - \$100, Ann Sojka - \$50, Harry and Dorothy Ropp - \$50, and Albin Zigild - \$50.

SHARE sign-up and pick-up dates

There will be a SHARE sign-up April 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Commission on Aging. The SHARE pick-up will be April 24 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints on North Down River Road.

Hospice to host grief workshop

Hospice of Michigan will host a Grief Workshop, with presenter Debra Morris, at Kirk of the Lakes Church for five consecutive weeks beginning April 14 through May 12. Each session will run from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. The church is located at 3188 Houghton Lake Drive in Houghton Lake. For further information call (517) 275-6028.

Tiny Tot swim program has openings

Crawford County 4-H still has openings for three and four-year olds in its swim program at the Holiday Inn. Classes are for three weeks, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, beginning April 28. Three year-olds swim from 3-3:30 p.m. and four year-olds swim from 3:30-4 p.m. Cost is \$18. To register call the Crawford County 4-H at 344-3264.

4-H offers Active Parenting Classes

Active Parenting Classes will be held at the Crawford County 4-H office beginning April 17 from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. and run for six consecutive weeks. The cost is \$12 and registration deadline is April 15.

Classes will cover such issues as how to talk to your kids, power struggles, discipline skills and how to develop your children's pride and inner strength and a true sense of responsibility.

To register or for more information, call 344-3264.

Straits Area Ostomy meeting planned

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, April 19 at 2 p.m. in the cafeteria of Community Memorial Hospital in Cheboygan. All ostomates and interested persons are invited. Call (517) 821-5721 for further information.

Moran graduates from Siena Heights

Amanda Elaina Moran earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Human Services: Psychology as part of the December, 1997 graduating class at Siena Heights College in Adrian.

Golnick tosses hat into county commissioners' ring

Harold "Tike" Golnick has filed petitions to run for County Commissioner for District #1 (City of Grayling) as a Republican.

Golnick is a lifelong resident of Grayling and served in the U.S. Army in Japan and Korea, and retired in 1990 as a Command Sergeant Major from the Michigan National Guard.

Golnick has served the public as a member of the City Board of Review, the County Jury Board and the Grayling Housing Commission.

Civic-minded, Golnick is 1st Vice Commander of the Grayling Post 106 American Legion and past Post Commander of the Carl Borchers Post 3736 V.F.W. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus, AMVETS and the Crawford County Republican Executive Committee.

Golnick has been married to his wife Sally (Bishaw) since 1953 and has four daughters and one son.

Golnick got an early introduction to county operations when his father was Deputy Sheriff and then was elected Sheriff while Golnick was growing up.

"Since my retirement eight years ago, I have considered making this step as a way of giving back to the

county that has been a good place to live and raise my family," said Golnick.



SALES WERE BRISK -- And, so was the weather. Bob Prause, of the Knights of Columbus, braved chilly temperatures and blustery winds to sell Tootsie Rolls to passersby in an effort to raise money for the organization's many community projects.

Wear a green ribbon in support of sexual assault survivors

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Throughout America, concerned individuals are taking time to reflect on the problem of sexual violence, the needs of survivors, and avenues for social change.

Green lapel ribbons are being worn to symbolize support for survivors of sexual assault and the programs that provided assistance, advocacy and counseling for those who have experienced this devastating form of violence.

"Just like most other types of crime, not one of us can assert we are safe from sexual violence," declares Mary Keefe, Executive Director of the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Keefe continued, "Women, children, and men of all ages, of all walks of life are counted among the survivors. This is a problem that confronts us all."

In Crawford County, River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services is leading sexual assault awareness activities.

awareness activities.

"We are committed to addressing this issue by helping survivors, as well as working within our community to promote increased awareness and education," said Marilyn Madison, Director.

On April 9, River House Shelter will hold a candle lighting ceremony at the Grayling City Park pavilion, near the Chamber of Commerce building, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The ceremony will last approximately 45 minutes in honor of the victims and survivors of sexual assault. The public is invited to attend.

For further information about Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the Green Ribbon Campaign or volunteer opportunities with River House Shelter, call (517) 348-3169 during regular business hours.

If you or someone you know is in a crisis situation, you or they can call anytime (517) 348-8972 or toll-free at 1-888-554-3169. All calls are confidential.

Sheriff's Report

Reported to the Sheriff's Office was: one criminal sexual conduct; one assault; three burglary; three larceny; two property damage; one controlled substance; one family/child, six public peace, two OUIL/OUID.

Two citations, 31 health and safety, one invasion of privacy, three miscellaneous crime, four minors, one runaway, three accidents, one non-traffic accidents, one civil traffic.

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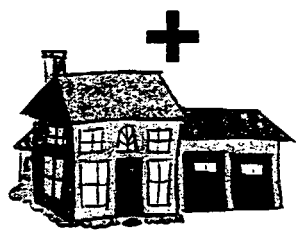


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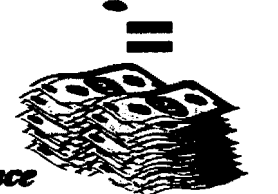


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FRI 10	•ATTEND A FISH FRY of your choice today. •COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE @ Grayling Assembly of God, 7 pm
SAT 11	•BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY @ Hanson Hills, 8:30 am to 10 am, Easter Egg Hunt, 10:30 am, for info call 348-9266.
SUN 12	•EASTER SUNDAY •ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON 13	•KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. •WELCOME WAGON NEWCOMERS CLUB, 6 pm, for more information call Betty Mansfield 348-8562 or Rose Smith 348-5598. •AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS meeting @ COA office, 1:30 pm.
TUES 14	•GPA MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. •AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION dinner meeting @ 5:30 pm. Call Cathy @ 348-8076 for more info. •CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR ANIMALS meeting @ Milltown Groomers, 7 pm. For more information call 348-4117. •AUSABLE RIVER CANOE MARATHON meeting @ Mini-Mall race office, 7 pm.
WED 15	•ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. •LIONS CLUB meeting @ Breaker's Steak House, 6:30 pm. •COA BOARD MEETING @ Senior Citizen Center, 308 Lawndale, 5:30 pm.

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The Bible Speaks

From the Calvary Baptist Church

Goodness

What is Bible Faith? (Hebrews 11:1) "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." What tangible substance do we possess which can give us hope? What tangible evidence do we possess which can assure us of things not seen? (Romans 10:17) "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." God's Holy Scriptures are the infallible source of Biblical faith. Faith comes by simply believing or trusting God's Word. (Galatians 3:6) "Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." (Romans 4:3) "For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness." (Romans 4:5) "But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness."

Faith is a gift of God by His Spirit through His Word. (Ephesians 2:8-9) "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: (9) Not of works, lest any man should boast." This salvation by God's grace alone through God's faith alone is God's gift alone. (Hebrews 12:2) "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him

endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Romans 3:25) "Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;" (2 Corinthians 5:21) "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

The Bible teaches us that the just can only live by faith. (Habakkuk 2:4) "Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith." In Romans we are told how we are made just. (Romans 1:17) "For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith." In Galatians we are told how the just shall live. (Galatians 3:11) "But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith."

In Hebrews we find the emphasis upon the faith. (Hebrews 10:38) "Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him." (Boldness added for emphasis.) Perhaps we can see now the great

importance God places upon faith in His Word. (Hebrews 11:6) "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

One filled with the Holy Spirit is filled with the Word of God and the Faith there in produced. This is why God calls us to strive together for the faith of the gospel. (Phil 1:27) This is why God commands us to earnestly contend for the faith. (Jude 1:3) "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263/>

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Spring driving calls for extra vigilance

Spring may bring showers and May flowers, but it could also bring trouble for drivers who don't follow some basic rules of the road when encountering Michigan's quickly changing atmospheric conditions.

"Along with potholes, motorists have to contend with springtime "black ice," fog, and reduced visibility and heavy rains," stated AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager Jerry Basch.

The results can be a deadly loss of control or skidding and hydroplaning. Even with increased funds to repair state roads, potholes will likely continue to be a problem as long as the freeze-thaw cycle is in effect. Standing water settles in a low spot and freezes. This continuous freeze-thaw, along with pounding from cars and trucks, helps weaken pavement and create

potholes.

Motorists should be watchful in spring and steer around them without endangering other motorists, or be prepared to take them head on with the vehicle fully under control.

"Black ice" is caused when a puddle or dew freezes as the temperature drops during cold snaps and at night. The ice is very hard to see, and blends with the roadway.

"Be especially watchful under freeway overpasses and on bridges, which freeze earlier than the roadway," Basch advised.

Motorists should also be watchful of roadways shaded by trees or shadowed by hills.

"Fog is dangerous because visibility can drop in an instant," Basch said.

In fog, low beams should be used as well as fog lamps if your vehicle has them. High beams reflect and diffuse light into the fog, making it even more difficult to see. Reduce speed and increase the space between your car and others.

Hydroplaning can occur when your car's tires lose contact with the road in rain.

"It means you're literally floating on a very thin layer of water," Basch said.

If you feel this "floating sensation," slow down gradually and keep steering straight. Resist the temptation to brake hard or turn sharply until traction returns. Hydroplaning can even occur at posted speeds during heavy rain.

You can help prevent hydroplaning with tires that are properly maintained and inflated. If there is less than 1/8 inch of tread remaining, replace them.

Other driving tips:

- If your car has anti-lock brakes (ABS), apply firm, steady pressure to the pedal in hard stops and let the system do the work. If your car does not have ABS, brake firmly or squeeze the pedal up to the point of causing the brakes to lock and then ease off and reapply.

- Use your light during times of poor visibility. Some cars have automatic daytime running lights, which have been shown to reduce accidents.

- Make sure windshield wipers work properly. If they streak, are cracked or are misshapen, replace them. Keep your windshield fluid reservoir filled.

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"The Lord is Risen"

Hallelujah...Christ has risen!

As we worship this Easter, may we meditate for a moment upon the impact of the word "risen". Christ is our "risen" Savior, who died to atone for our sins. Romans 4:24-25 states this as we read, "It will be reckoned to us who believe in Him [God] who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was put to death for our trespasses and raised for our justification."

Armed with the faith that Christ rose from the dead after the gravestone rolled away, likewise, we shall rise above spiritual death, our soul intact. For as God guides our spirit, the suffocating stones of despair, anxiety, and fear are rolled away and we shall be forever joyful.

Therefore, may we praise Christ, our Savior, who gave His life on the Cross, that we might have life everlasting.

Hallelujah...Christ has risen!



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Luke 19:28-48

Monday
Luke 20:1-26

Tuesday
Luke 20:27-47

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Luke 21:1-24

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Luke 22:1-23

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Sunday School: 11:15 am
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Sabbath School: 10:30 am
Prayer Meeting Tues: 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
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Sunday School: 10 am
Sunday Service & Children's Church: 11 am
Sunday Evening Service: 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting: 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 pm
Thursday Discipleship Class: 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
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Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School: 9:30 am
Morning Worship: 10:30 am
Evening Service: 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children: 7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President Larry A. Cook
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Sacrament: 10 am
Sunday School: 11 am
Primary: 11 am
Priesthood: 12 noon
Relief Society: 12 noon

Heritage Baptist
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Morning Worship: 11 am
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Wednesday: 7 pm

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Church School: 9:45 am
Preaching: 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer: 7 pm

Gaylord Christian Reformed
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Morning Worship: 11 am
Evening Service: 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30 pm

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Sabbath Eucharist

Saturday Vigil: 5 pm
Sunday Mass: 8 am
Family Mass: 10:30 am
Sunday Family Bible Study/Sharing: 9:30 am
Daily Masses: 8:30 am
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Daily Worship: 8:30 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation, one hour prior to Saturday Vigil Mass, or by app.

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Pastor Dale Hammond
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Morning Worship: 11 am
Evening Worship: 6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study: 7 pm

Calvary Baptist church
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Sunday School: 9:45 am
Morning Worship: 10:30 am
Evening Worship: 6 pm
Mid-Week Services
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.): 7 pm

Church of Christ
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Sunday Worship: 11:15 am
Sunday Evening: 6 pm
Wednesday

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Wednesday Bible Study: 7 pm

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Sunday Worship: 11 am & 6:30 pm
Wednesday Evening: 7 pm

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Evening Service: 6 pm
Wednesday Service: 7 pm

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Family Training Hour and Prayer
Wednesday: 7 pm

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Chapel Service: 11 am
Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 7-8 pm

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Morning Service: 11 am
Evening Service: 6 pm
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Sunday Worship: 10:30 am
Tuesday Weekday School: 5 pm
Wednesday Bible Study: 9 am
Thursday Women's Bible Study: 9 am

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Rev. Robert Henley
M-72 West - Office 348-5850
Sunday Holy Eucharist: 8:30 & 10:30 am
Morning Praise: 10:30 am
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Adult Sunday School: 9:30 am
Children's Sunday School: 9:30 am
Sunday nursery provided: 10:30 am
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Sunday Morning Worship: 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 pm
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Tattoos, piercings could be regulated

by Amber LaCroix
Capital News Service

Amid beach towels, trinkets and college students at a Florida resort last spring break, Leigh Lozano and her friend joined the ranks of the few who dared.

"It was a total impulse thing," said Lozano, a Michigan State University senior from Clarkston. "We were walking by this T-shirt place and just decided to get our belly buttons pierced."

With warm weather ahead, some legislators are foreseeing those impulsive moments and aim to revise health codes to regulate body-piercing and tattoo parlors.

"I'm not against tattoos, but support a public standard for health reasons," said Rep. Derrick F. Hale (D-Detroit). "With the possibility they're not being a licensed person, it's disturbing to me."

The bill would make it mandatory for all body-marking parlors, including

tattoo and body-piercing vendors, to be licensed and inspected by Consumer Industry Services, a state regulatory agency.

Licensed individuals also are required to provide the customer with health and safety instructions, in addition to keeping records on the services they performed. Violations would be a misdemeanor.

"I was hesitant about the legislation until I talked to local pharmacists," said Rep. Patricia Birkholz (R-Saugatuck). "I wasn't sure it was necessary."

Holland-area registered pharmacist Daniel Alexander told her of people coming to them for medication for infected or improperly performed body markings.

"The government isn't here to tell us what to do with our bodies, but they can guarantee it's a licensed operation doing it," said Alexander. "That's all that's really important."

Amy Strassburger, a Hope College

senior from Alto, said she supports the bill. "I can't imagine any objections over this. It's about safety."

She has a tattoo of a green leaf and the Trinity on her left hip from The Crux, a Saugatuck tattoo parlor.

"I saw them break a new needle in front of me before they began and everything," said Strassburger, impressed with the parlor's health standards. The shop also gave her instructions on how to take care of the tattoo.

One of The Crux's owners sees the body-marking legislation differently.

Rick Campbell, The Crux's body-piercing specialist, thinks regulating the business is ridiculous. "I started because it was easy for a poor-white boy to get into and now they want to regulate it all. It's going to happen with or without legislation."

Campbell said the parlor is health conscious and keeps on file signed releases from customers. It doesn't keep track of the services performed. "Anyone who's smart enough to pen a shop is smart enough to be clean."

A Daytona Beach, Fla., newspaper reported last summer that many people received body marking from unregulated vendors.

Other Florida vendors were reported as not washing their hands before handling customers.

The national Centers for Disease Control correlated tattoos and body piercing with hepatitis cases. While yet undetermined, HIV-infection is a concern, too. "That's what we're trying

to prevent," Hale said.

Lozano received her piercing in Daytona Beach. "Wow. Of course I'm concerned," she said, upon reading the Florida article.

She said she never thought to ask for a license. The shop gave her information on how to care for her piercing.

She's had no problems with it and has since pierced her tongue.

After approval by the House, the bill moved to the Senate's Economic Development, International Trade and Regulatory Affairs Committee.

To prevent youths from buying home-tattoo kits, Rep. Michelle McManus (R-Lake Leelanau) added a stipulation to impose civil infractions on retailers who sell them to those aged 18 and under.

Campbell, of The Crux, said the majority of the shop's customers are 18 to 35, but they also have 80-year-old regulars. The peak is summertime, with customers from Detroit to Chicago.

Two tattoos later, one by a friend and one by a Port Huron vendor, Jill Stepnitz, a MSU sophomore from Lapeer, said she supports the legislation.

"There are no standards," she said. "The current law doesn't do anything, saying only that neither party should be drunk."

Approval and safety aside, Stepnitz said legislation won't stop her. "I'll just do it myself."

Brian Johnson has joined Grayling Ford's professional sales team.



Brian Johnson

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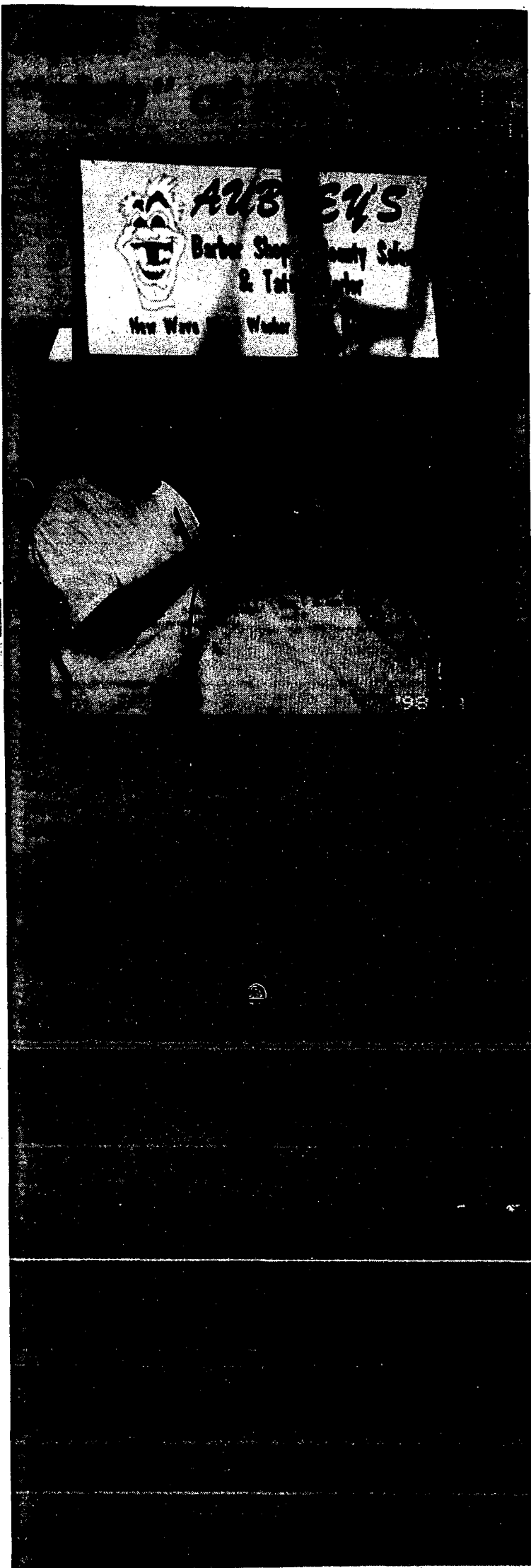
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Phone scams can cost you big bucks

by Jennifer Breanahan
 Capital News Service

Unless you're paying extra close attention to your phone bill, you could be the victim of phone scams that already could be costing you big bucks.

"Cramming" is happening to thousands of unsuspecting consumers across Michigan and nationwide. Phone services consumers never ordered are literally being "crammed" into their local telephone bills.

For example, Grand Rapids resident Mildred Davidson has experienced numerous types of fraud. First, her long-distance service was changed without her permission in a fraudulent practice known as slamming.

"I opened my phone bill to find my total higher than usual," Davidson said. "I was shocked to see that the company I have used for long distance for several years was changed without my permission."

The most common slamming ploy is the billing consolidation pitch.

Someone saying they are from a long-distance service or the local telephone company in that area places a call to a resident of business. Whoever answers the phone, whether he or she is the telephone account holder, is told it's possible to get all telephone carriers consolidated on one bill.

In some cases, the caller says it's now mandatory under FCC regulations or federal law for bills to be consolidated.

The person answering the phone says, "sound good to me," not realizing that, in most cases, telephone services are usually consolidated on one bill already. In fact, the consumer is often assured this won't change anything regarding their service.

Davidson became a cramming victim only a few months after she had been slammed. Services she says she never ordered showed up on her local phone bill.

"When you receive eight pages in one envelope, you're not really very conscientious at all," Davidson said. "You thumb through all the pages, and the total amount looks right, and you write a check and drop it in the mailbox. Silly me."

In the case of her bill, the extra billing was listed as "miscellaneous charges, \$6.99." Charges were crammed into her bill for several months until she finally caught on.

These charges, for services such as Voice mail, paging and personal 800 numbers, are assessed by third parties and billed through local phone carriers.

Like slamming, cramming can happen by filling out a contest entry form, failing to respond to a sales pitch, or call a 900 number. Crammers may simply pick a phone number out of the blue and place charges on a bill through a local telephone company, claiming the resident agreed to purchase the services.

"Cramming is one of the latest schemes consumers complain about to the League's National Fraud Information Center hotline," said Linda Golodner, president of the National Consumer League. "We're hearing from people about all kinds of mysterious phone charges suddenly popping up on bills."

Sometimes the company names listed on the bill in connection with these charges sound like they are

services from local carriers. For instance, "enhanced Services" is one often used. This makes it difficult for consumers to detect them.

Slamming was the No. 1 complaint in the state last year, according to the commission, and Michigan ranked fourth nationally in the number of complaints reported.

The National Consumers League lists cramming it as its fifth biggest complaint, just behind slamming.

Officials at the Michigan Public Service Commission say they get 15 to 20 calls a day from customers who discover such charges.

The volume of complaints is prompting concern among regulators, who say they want to stop cramming before it becomes as big a problem as slamming.

Based on cramming reports the League has received, fraudulent charges range from \$4.95 to \$30 per month.

"It's not a lot of money and may not be noticed by the consumer at first, but charges can add up," Golodner said.

Several states, including Michigan,

are declaring war on the gimmicks. People are asking local phone companies to make bills easier to read.

Sara Snyder, manager of media relations for Ameritech, said the phone company has seen an increase in complaints about unwanted charges. She said Ameritech investigates each complaint and will discontinue billing for a company if it's found to be levying fraudulent charges.

Ameritech also plans to simplify its phone bill later this year, Snyder said. The new bill will be itemized.

Ameritech already has brought legal action against several companies for slamming and cramming, Snyder said. She wouldn't name them.

According to Mary Jo Kunkle, a media and public relations specialist for the Michigan Public Service Commission, both slamming and cramming are not regulated practices in the state.

"We currently don't find the companies that engage in this practice. We advise consumers to contact their local telephone company if they feel they have fallen victim to these scams."

Need for automatic cell phone 911 locator service recognized

by Dana Goryl
 Capital News Service

LANSING—Ever been run off the road by a reckless driver, wishing you'd purchased that cellular phone to get help quickly?

All emergencies could be handled swiftly, without waiting for that good Samaritan to stop and rescue you, right?

Not necessarily. Cellular phones systems have yet to include one important feature: automatic location identification on 911 calls.

Sen. William Van Regenmorter (R-Georgetown Township) wants to help people making emergency 911 calls from their cellular telephones get immediate assistance.

Van Regenmorter is sponsoring legislation to enable emergency agencies to quickly locate cell phone users.

"When a person at home dials 911, most emergency response centers immediately know the location the person is calling from," Van Regenmorter said. "But when a person on a cellular phone calls 911, there's no system in place to identify the

location. Establishing location is critical in getting help to a person in time to make a difference."

Tom Altland, 911 director for Mason and Oceana counties, said he sees a real need for cellular-compatible 911 services in the area.

"During one of the blizzards earlier this March, about 63 percent of our 911 calls came in on cellular phones," Altland said.

"About 25 to 30 percent of all our accident calls come in on cell phones. The technology is available, and we need to have this service."

A common problem occurs with area cottage owners, who usually disconnect their phones during winter months. Many have opted for cellular phone use instead of maintaining regular phone services.

When people rely solely on mobile phones, they should still have access to essential services, he said.

"I got a cellular phone specifically to have in emergency situations," said Barb O'Toole, a Ludington resident. "What's the good if you're stranded somewhere and call 911, but they can't find you to help you?"

Cellular phone companies have little

problem tracking down the customer's approximate location and from which line they're calling, according to Tammy Mattison, a retail sales representative for Cellular One in Manistee.

"It would be nice if you could be as easily traced when calling 911," Mattison said.

Van Regenmorter's legislation process that cell phone users pay a 65-cent monthly fee per line to reimburse telecommunications companies and local emergency response centers for the cost of establishing a cellular-compatible 911 service.

According to Sara Snyder, manager of media relations at Ameritech in Lansing, 50 percent of the overall revenue would go into a fund at the Treasury Department and committee would review all invoices to ensure that costs are reasonable and customary to qualify for reimbursement. The remaining 50 percent would go to individual counties based on population and operating 911 services. "Developing this service would maintain the integrity of the state's 911 services," Snyder said.

The legislation is under review in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

HEALTHLINE

Public Health--providing quality programs for all ages

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A.,
 Health Educator

During public health week, April 6-12, many communities begin to focus public attention on the monumental efforts of their local health department.

According to Dr. David Nolan, spokesperson for District Number 10 Health Department, this national observance is well deserved.

"The local health department is such an integral part of the community through all stages of human life - from conception to the senior years.

The variety of services provided by

these caring professionals stretches from one end of the spectrum to the other - a whole continuum of health care. What other organization can provide such a comprehensive approach to good health as that provided by the local health department?"

To illustrate this point, consider for a moment the following overview of programs. As Dr. Nolan points out, some smaller health departments may not offer every program listed, but

each still provides a wide assortment of services that benefit many individuals.

In infancy, public health programs initiated shortly after conception help to maintain a low risk pregnancy and produce a healthy newborn. These programs include a variety of maternal and infant support services that may include nutrition counseling and education, home visits from caring health professionals, and the timely administration of immunizations.

As the infant moves into childhood, the health department continues to provide assistance in the form of follow-up immunizations, school vision and hearing screening, special services for children with chronic conditions, scoliosis screening, communicable disease prevention, nutrition education, tobacco control education and even injury prevention.

During the adult years, the health department still plays a vital health protection role by offering pre-marital education, women's health services, family planning clinics, workplace wellness programs, chronic disease prevention, AIDS and STD testing/prevention, smoking cessation programs, and other prevention programs that address the leading causes of death.

Older adults and even senior citizens continue to benefit from foot care clinics, breast and cervical cancer prevention program, influenza and pneumonia immunizations, home health care or even hospice care.

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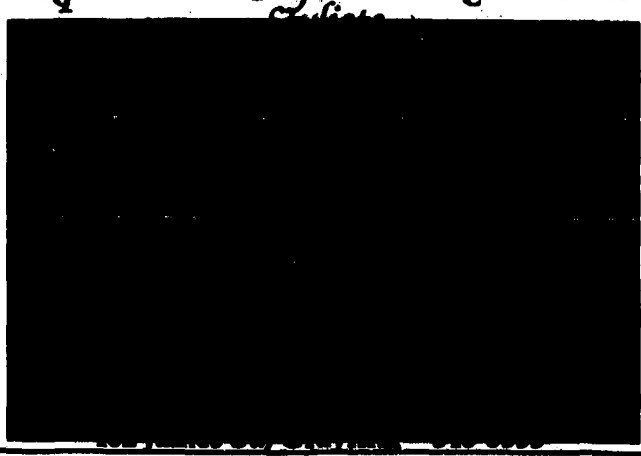
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Acupuncture services offered in Gaylord

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Liu is a graduate of an integrated modern medicine and Chinese medicine program in China. She worked as a gynecologist and general practitioner before moving to North America.

In Gaylord, she will practice only acupuncture.

Acupuncture is the application of needles to specific points called acupuncture points or acupoints. There are several hundred established acupoints on the human body, many of which are located near nerves. Physicians choose different combinations of acupoints for different illnesses.

Acupuncture is best known for treating pain. The mechanism of action for pain control is also best understood. Research has shown that acupuncture can increase the

concentration of morphine-like proteins in the brain. These proteins have an analgesic effect which can reduce or relieve pain.

Some of the effects of acupuncture may come through nerves. For instance, several acupoints on the arms can be used to treat an accelerated heart rate. The nerves from the heart and those from the arms are related at the spinal level. That is why a person suffering from a heart attack can feel pain in the arms.

In China, acupuncture is the treatment of choice for stroke rehabilitation. It is used in combination with intravenous analgesics and sedatives as anesthesia during thyroid removal surgery in some Chinese hospitals.

In the United States, however, acupuncture functions as an alternative to conventional medicine.

Acupuncture is an excellent alternative in many cases. Liu said, "If you do not like taking medications, do not want surgery, or previous conventional treatments have failed,

acupuncture may provide good relief. It may also be used in conjunction with more traditional methods of treatment."

A full course of acupuncture therapy may require more than one visit, Liu said.

"A general rule is that the more chronic the condition, the longer treatment is required," she said.

Each visit lasts from 30 to 40 minutes.

"The response to acupuncture is variable from one person to another and from one condition to another," Liu said.

Used selectively, it is a fairly effective procedure in general. However, acupuncture will fail in certain cases, especially considering that many patients who seek this treatment typically suffer from conditions that often do not respond

will to conventional methods of treatment.

Liu cautions that acupuncture should not replace care by your regular physician.

Arthritis sufferers may want to try anti-inflammatory medications first. For tears to the rotator cuff, a surgeon should be consulted.

You should seek attention from your regular doctor for conditions like hypertension, diabetes, congestive heart failure, heart attack and bacterial infections.

Although acupuncture may have an effect on these conditions, it is likely to be inferior to conventional medical methods.

For more information, contact Liu's office, Hazel Shipp Building, 850 N. Otsego, Suite 2, Gaylord (517) 731-2114.



WORKING WITH ACUPOINTS -- Rachel Liu performs acupuncture on a patient suffering from chronic back pain.

YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

from Charles Tinsley, Social Security Representative

New Medicare benefits

Medicare has added several new benefits designed to encourage the early detection of certain life-threatening diseases common among elderly people.

They include yearly mammograms, pap smears, colorectal cancer screening and free flu and pneumonia shots.

As of January 1, 1998, women are able to get yearly mammograms, pap smears, including pelvic and breast examinations, without paying the Part B deductible.

Also since January 1, colorectal cancer screening became available. In addition, Medicare will pay the full

charge of flu and pneumococcal shots.

Starting July 1, 1998, Medicare will provide diabetes glucose monitoring and diabetes education to beneficiaries. Bone mass measurement will also be available as of July 1, 1998.

Interested Medicare beneficiaries should call their doctor or health care provider for more information on the availability of the new benefits. Also, a Medicare hotline is available: 1-800-638-6833.

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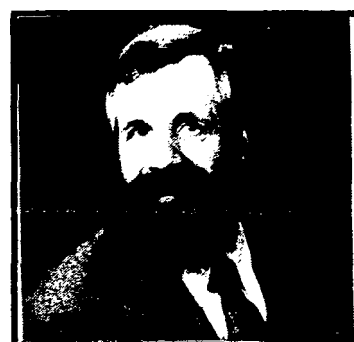
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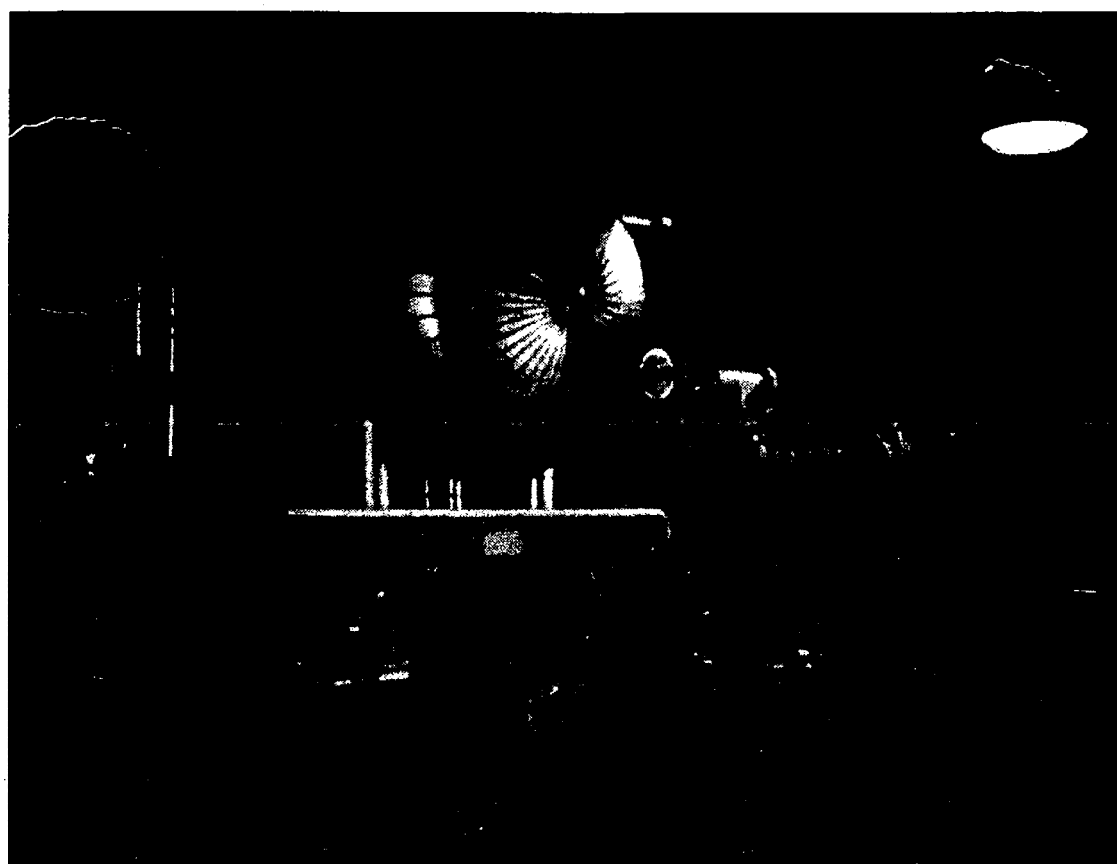
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Ice company to start production May 1



ICE MAKER -- Jim Forsberg, operations manager of Northern Pure Ice stands near the two 400-horse-power Mycom compressors that support the 100-ton Turbo ice makers at the new plant located on Old 27 north of Grayling.

Photo by Shirley D. Schmoock

by Shirley D. Schmoock
 Special Writer

Jim Forsberg, Operations Manager for Northern Pure Ice, said "we're so glad to be here. This community has really been receptive to us."

The new ice manufacturing plant north of Grayling is expected to open by May 1 of this year.

The plant was the former site of Al Bennett Ford, but it was purchased and completely rehabilitated by a consortium of ice makers from all over the state.

The new plant's packaging area has yet to take its true shape, but the Rake Bins where the ice is stored are nearly completed.

The ice making machines — two 100-ton Turbos — are fired by 400-horse Mycom compressors, and the system is truly a state-of-the-art operation. It is what Forsberg calls "food production quality."

Many local and area contractors are working on this project, and Forsberg said "these people are really great."

Northern Pure Ice is currently accepting applications for drivers and warehouse personnel.

"This is a terrific location and we've just moved here ourselves," said Forsberg, formerly of Coleman.

"My daughter, Madison, and I love it here. She's only six, but she'll have her office in with mine."

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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Vernon and Reta Watts of Grayling are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Heather to Jeff Nelson, son of Donald and Shirley Nelson of Oxford. The ceremony will be held on July 3, 1998 at Addison Oaks in Leonard. The couple resides in Clinton Township. Jeff is a 1996 C.M.U. graduate and teaches M.S. Science in Fraser. Heather, also a 1996 C.M.U. graduate, works in the sales department of the Somerset Inn of Troy.

Host families needed

Host families are needed to help house two companies from Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp that are performing at Kirtland Community College this summer.

Blue Lake's premier International Youth Symphony Orchestra, an 88 piece symphony orchestra from America's Midwest that performs June 21 and 22, requires housing for 97 people between the ages of 13 and 23 for two nights, June 21 and June 22.

Les Vioix Provenances, a 73 voice mixed choir from Tarasco, France, which performs on Aug. 2, requires housing for 73 persons of all ages for three nights, July 31, August 1 and 2.

Host families will meet their guests at Kirtland on the day they arrive, provide housing, meals and

transportation for them during their visit and then bring them back to Kirtland to meet their bus at the end of their stay. If time and opportunity permit, hosts are asked to show their guests a slice of what lower northern Michigan has to offer.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share a bit of yourself with a guest and learn a bit about a talented and gifted instrumentalist or vocalist.

Host families will receive two complimentary tickets to performances any of their guests are required to attend.

For additional information on host family responsibilities, or if you would like to be a host family, please contact Cheri DeClercq at (517) 275-5121 Ext. 397.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: If you can't make light of your troubles, keep them in the dark!!

Happenings at the Center and announcements of things to come: Pantry Bingo every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. We are starting a Euchre club on Tuesdays at 12:30. Anyone out there that likes to play Bridge, they play on Mondays at 1 p.m., please give us a call because we always need a fourth and if we get enough "fourths" there will be another table!

SPRING IS HERE! Things happening at the Center are: We have a new pool table and want everyone to come take advantage of it, anytime; especially on Thursdays. We have a lot of other "action" games, as well; ping-pong, darts, and shuffleboard so there would be plenty to do on Thursday OR anytime!! On the 8th is Commodities day from 10 to 11 at the Free Methodist Church. Funfest is the same day at 12:00 with friends coming from the various nursing homes for lunch and fun & games following. Birthday dinner at 5 on the 8th also and the RSVP white elephant auction at 5:30. (Lots happening on that one day!) Blood pressures and sugars taken on the 9th from 11 until noon and the Center will be closed on Good Friday, the 10th. SHARE program sign-up on

the 13th from 10 to 2 and "Power Dominoes" at 5:30; Action games at 5:30 on the 14th; COA Board meeting on the 15th; Casino trip on the 16th; Frederic Satellite at 11:30 and legal help at 1:30 on the 17th. Pancake Brunch from 10 to 1 on the 19th.

Special announcement: The fellows at Shawono have invited the seniors out for breakfast on the 22nd of April. Please call here (348-7123) for reservations so that they will know how many to plan on. We will have a sign-up sheet at the front desk, so either call in or sign-in.

Congregate meals are served at noon and 5 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and at noon only on Friday. Fruit and vegetable salad bar on Tuesday; Soup served on Monday and Wednesday and bread, juice and milk offered each meal. Please try to make a reservation if you can by calling 348-7123. Menus are subject to change without notice. Lunch/Dinner:

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Wallace to tour Europe

Clarinetist, Heidie Wallace, a junior at Grayling High School, will be participating in the 1998 Blue Lake International Exchange Program this summer.

Heidie is the daughter of Dennis and Beth Wallace of Frederic.

Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, in Twin Lake, will send a record 393 Musical Ambassadors, 300 from Michigan, to eight different European countries to present concerts in June and July.

It is the largest number of Blue Lake musicians, singers and dancers to participate in the West Michigan summer arts school's International Exchange Program since it began in 1969.

For the first time, an Adult Community Band, made up of Blue Lake alumni and parents of former students, will participate in the program. Another five groups are made of talented junior and senior high school students from Michigan and 15 other states.

In return, Blue Lake and more than four dozen Michigan communities will host Asian and European groups that will tour Michigan this summer as part of the International Exchange Program.

The eight countries in which one or more Blue Lake groups will present concerts include Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy and the Netherlands.

The six Blue Lake groups include an 84-piece symphony orchestra, a 95-member concert band, a 100-voice choral ensemble, a 46-member ballet ensemble, a 20-piece jazz band and a 47-piece Community Band.



Heidie Wallace

Prior to leaving for Europe, the six groups will have one week of intensive rehearsals at Blue Lake. The Symphony Orchestra will also present several concerts in Michigan, Ohio and Illinois.

In each community they visit in Europe, Blue Lake's Musical Ambassadors will stay in local homes as will the European and Asian groups that tour Michigan.

Upon their return from Europe, each group will present concerts in several Michigan cities before their Homecoming Concert at Blue Lake.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Monica Lawrence has been accepted into the Honors Program at Ferris State University. To be accepted, she was required to maintain a 3.25 grade point average.

As part of the acceptance, she will reside in an Honors dorm. Lawrence achieved the selection while acting as a Resident Advisor.

Her parents, Armand and Lorraine Lawrence of Grayling, are very pleased and thankful for the fine academic foundation the Crawford, AuSable Schools provided their daughter.

Lawrence is a 1996 graduate of Grayling High School.



Joshua Wells

Wells earns honors at U of M

Joshua Wells received Class Honors at the University of Michigan's 75th Annual Honors Convocation on Sunday, March 22, 1998. The convocation was held at Hill Auditorium on the central campus, Ann Arbor. Wells was recognized by the School of Education for maintaining a minimum 3.5 grade point level during calendar year 1997.

Following the ceremony, a reception was hosted by the Dean of the School of Education in the Kalamazoo Room of the Michigan League. Observing the honors convocation were Wayne, Nancy, Sarah Wells, and Trisha Ormsbee.

Joshua Wells was also recently elected president of the University of Michigan Tau Epsilon chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, an international honors society in Education. Wells is currently performing student teaching duties at Tappan Middle School, Ann Arbor. He is a 1994 graduate of Grayling High School.

MILITARY NEWS

Capt. Scott Hanson

On March 27, 1998 Captain Scott Hanson and Staff Sergeant Rick Riggs were honored at a retirement luncheon at the Iron Gate Restaurant.

Captain Hanson, a life long resident of Grayling and 1976 graduate of Grayling High School will retire from the position of Range Officer at Camp Grayling on March 31, 1998, after completing 21 years of Military Service.

He resides in Grayling with his wife, Patty and his daughter, Amy, a freshman at Grayling High School.

Captain Hanson joined the Guard in 1977 attending Basic Training and Automotive/Track Mechanics courses. He received his Commission through the Officer Candidate School (OSC) program and has completed The Field Artillery Officer Basic Course and the Cold Weather Operations School.

Captain Hanson attended Davenport College studying Management.

He has been awarded Broadsword Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal.

Captain Hanson is the Vice President of Grayling Youth Boosters, formerly on the Board of Directors U.S. Army Training Council.

Staff Sgt. Rick Riggs

Staff Sergeant Richard Riggs is retiring after 20 years of combined Federal Military Service. A native of

Grayling Middle School students receive honors

During the fall of 1997, The United States Achievement Academy requested students who showed exceptional academic progress during the first two marking periods of the 1997-98 school year.

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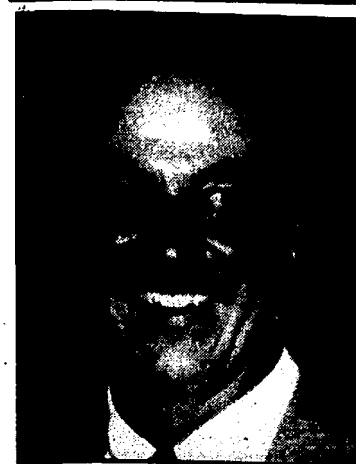
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Charles Bonamie

Charles Edward Bonamie IV, 44, of Melrose, Fla., passed away Sunday, March 22, 1998 in Hampton, Fla.

He was born April 8, 1953, in Mt. Clemens. He graduated from Grayling High School with honors in 1971. While there he was an active athlete, participating in football, baseball, basketball and golf.

Bonamie moved from Grayling to Melrose 18 years ago. He was employed as a carpenter for R&R Construction in Gainesville, Fla.

Bonamie was a Catholic. An avid bowler and golfer, he was a league member in both sports. An outdoorsman at heart, he also enjoyed fishing. His passion in life was hunting, and every October he traveled to Grayling's outdoor paradise for a week of bowhunting with family and friends.

He is survived by his parents, Charles III and Shirley Bonamie of Gainesville; sons: Chad and Teresa Bonamie of Grayling, Eric Bonamie of Davison, Charles Bonamie V (Chaz) of Melrose, and Christopher Bonamie of Gaylord; brothers, Clifford and Julie of Gainesville, Daniel Bonamie and Dale Bonamie, both of Grayling; a grandmother, Elsie Bonamie of Gainesville; an aunt, Joyce Bonamie of Gainesville; and six nieces and nephews. Bonamie was excited about the impending arrival of his first grandchild.

Funeral services were held at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25 at the Williams-Thomas Funeral Home in Gainesville. The Pastor Gary Bracewell officiated.

An October memorial service in Grayling is being planned.

Card of Thanks

We would like to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude for the beautiful flowers, sympathetic cards, donations, prayers and kind words we received during the recent loss of our father, son and brother, Chuck Bonamie. As was evidenced by the tremendous outpouring of support we received, Chuck had many friends wherever he went. He will be deeply missed by his family and all who knew him.

The family of Chuck Bonamie,
Chad & Teresa, Eric, Chaz & Christopher
Chuck III & Shirley
Cliff & Julie, Dan & Dale

Donita M. Bennett

Donita M. Bennett, 40, of Fair Haven, passed away Friday, April 3, 1998, at Mt. Clemens General Hospital.

She was born Feb. 8, 1958 in Mt. Pleasant, the daughter of Michael and Jean Heckert. She was a graduate of Grayling High School.

She is survived by her husband, Charles of Fair Haven; her parents, Michael and Jean Heckert of Farwell; three brothers: Mick (Lynn) Heckert of Sanford, David (Sandy) Heckert and Steve (Kim) Heckert both of Harrison; four sisters: Nancy (Henry) Timmers, and Linda Ray, both of Mancelona, Cathy Bunce of Fulton, and Julie (Brad) Haller of Coleman; two brothers-in-law: Robert (Gayle) Bennett of Capac and Dennis Bennett of Emmett; one sister-in-law, Darlene (Arnie) Schalau of Dryden; five step-children, Kelley, Charles, Bill, Jan and Ruben and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one very special niece, Michelle Timmers, in 1976; and mother-in-law, Helen Bennett in 1987.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 6, 1998 at 11 a.m. at Muir Brothers Funeral Home-Almont with Pastor Dennis Madill of Dryden United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was made in West Berlin Cemetery in Allenton.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank our friends and church family for the beautiful cards and flowers, prayers and comfort during the loss of our father and grandfather - John W. Chew.

Thank you,
Keith and Jean, Christina,
Sara and James Kenney.

Ambrose B. Rometski

Ambrose B. (Robert) Rometski, 83, of Grayling, passed away April 4, 1998 at his residence.

He was born in Adelaide, Penn., to Albert and Sarah (Rydlewski) Rometski on Sept. 9, 1914.

Rometski lived in Grayling for 22 years. He had previously lived in Shanandoah Hills, Monroe County and Mio. He was married in 1935 to Wanda in Toledo, Ohio. He was a member of the American Legion Post 106. He served in Merchant Marine during World War II.

He is survived by his two daughters: Sally Ann dePetris of Lyndhurst, Ohio and Helen Marie Rice of Walsenburg, Colo.; and four grandchildren: Celeste dePetris of Laguna Beach, Calif., Brent, Barry and Brad Rice, all of Walsenburg, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Wanda, on Jan. 12, 1998.

Funeral services were held April 7, 1998 at St. Mary Catholic Church at 2 p.m. with Rev. Robert Nalley officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery, where he and his wife were laid to rest together.

Pallbearers were Phil Savoie, Harold Golnick, Bill O'Mara, Elmer Trombley, Joe Pencak and Jack Trudgeon, all of the Knights of Columbus Council 1982.

Card of Thanks

Thank you so much to Dr. Ramaswamy and the nurses and staff of Mercy Hospital for the excellent care while I was a patient.

Thank you to everyone for the cards, visits and prayers on my behalf.

Sincerely,
Jim Hough

Free fruit tree pruning seminar

On Saturday April 18, Wellington Farm Park will host its third annual Fruit Tree Pruning Seminar.

Demonstrations will begin at 9 a.m. at the Wellington Farm Park Visitor Center which is located at 6940 S. Military Road.

The lecture-demonstrations will include pruning techniques for established trees as well as young trees.

Also included will be demonstrations of how to prune and rejuvenate an old abandoned apple tree.

This year, for the first time, the pruning seminar will also include techniques of grafting.

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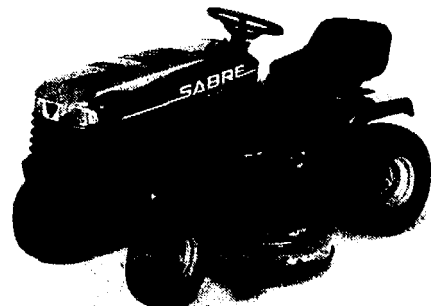
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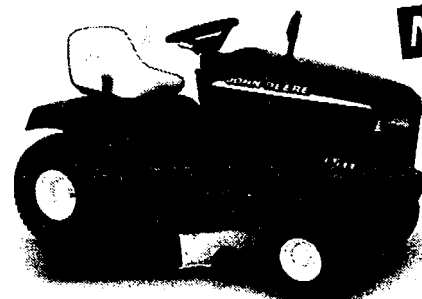
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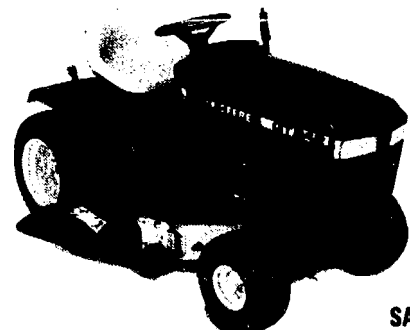
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CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

by Tracie Compton

Health-O-Vision is available at the Crawford County Library.

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The computer workstation provides health information in an enjoyable, easy-to-use interactive process. With the mouse, the user picks a channel and then selects areas of interest through out that program.

The Health-O-Vision was developed by University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center with support from the Michigan Department of Community Health and funded by the state tobacco tax at a cost of approximately \$1 million.

For more information, call 348-9214.

Crawford County Library is open Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

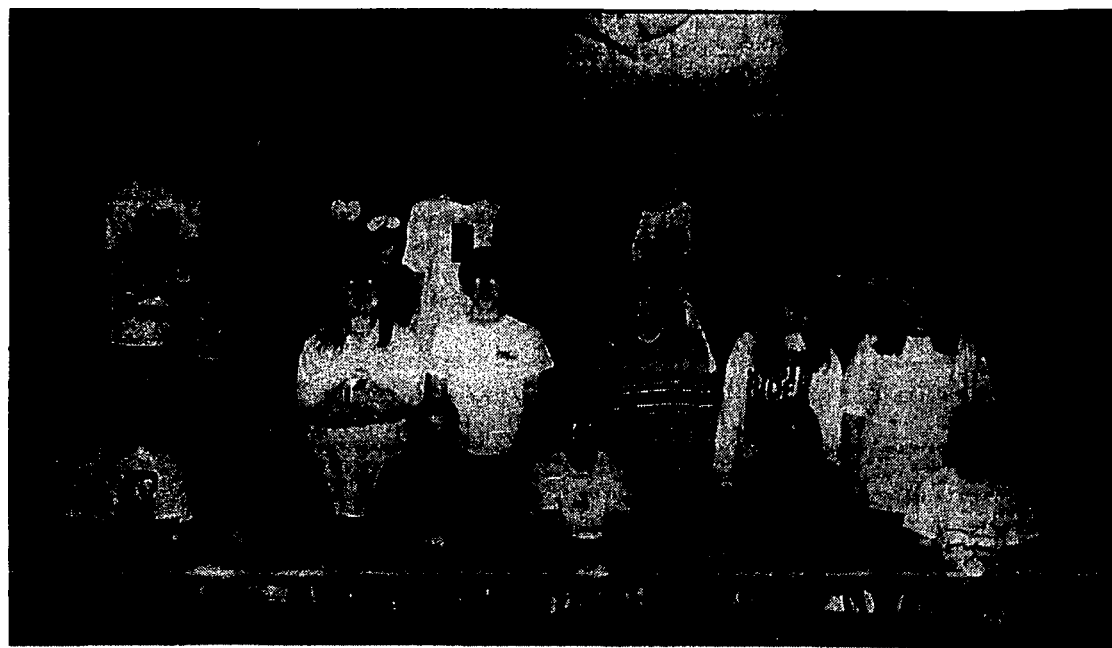


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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH -- The Grayling Middle School Students of the Month for March: (front row, left to right) Nick Klemish, Miranda Millikin, Lisa Adkison, Skylynn Palmer, Felicia Phillips, Shannon Terry. (middle row, left to right) Nicole Daniels, Bethany Knepper, Jamie Zelek, Ashley Linkhart, Andria Yanniello, Travis Gildner. (back row, left to right) David Goulette, Shawn VanLuchen, Sarah Starks, Miranda Holzbauer, Nicole Larm, Alisha Carlisle, Stacey Kuhn, Chris McQuire, Shane Thompson.

Time for 'Spring Tune-up' for pets

Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Director Dan Wyant said springtime is the perfect time to give a pet the gift of health...a "tune-up" at a veterinarian's office. For dogs, that should include an annual heartworm examination.

A heartworm examination consists of a blood test performed by a veterinarian. Dogs should be placed on heartworm preventative medicine on a schedule prescribed by a veterinarian. Daily and monthly forms of medication are available. Heartworm preventative medication should not be given until the dog has been tested.

According to Dr. Michael Chaddock, State Veterinarian, heartworm is a widespread and serious canine disease in Michigan.

"The disease is so easy to prevent but difficult to treat if it is advanced," said Chaddock. "Undiagnosed and untreated, heartworm can be fatal to dogs."

Signs of serious infection include lethargy, coughing - sometimes with blood, and a history of not receiving heartworm preventative medicine. Most cases are detected early in a routine examination and can be treated

successfully.

Other concerns and precautions for cats, dogs and ferrets include:

- Checking for internal parasites which can be done by providing the veterinarian with the animal's stool sample.

- Fleas increase during the spring and reach their peak in late summer. There are several effective remedies available to fight flea problems. Some medications help stop fleas from reproducing and some medications actually kill fleas. Medications often have to be started before the flea season gets into full swing. Consult your veterinarian for a customized flea control plan that best fits your needs and your pet's needs.

- Be sure vaccinations are up-to-date, particularly if you take your pet to public places, like beaches and parks.

- Adult dogs should be vaccinated annually against distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, parainfluenza and parvovirus and vaccination against *Bordetella bronchiseptica* may also be a good idea, especially if your dog will be spending time at a boarding kennel. Your veterinarian may recommend vaccination against Lyme Disease if you will be traveling with your pets to parts of the state or country where this disease is a problem. Rabies vaccinations are very important. Your veterinarian will administer either a

one year or a three year rabies vaccination, depending on your dog's age and previous vaccination history.

- Adult cats should be vaccinated against distemper, respiratory disease and rabies on a schedule prescribed by your veterinarian. A vaccination for feline leukemia is also available.

- Ferrets need preventative health care, too. Adult animals need annual vaccinations for distemper and rabies (rabies vaccinations are required by law). Ferrets can contract heartworm disease. While routine heartworm testing is not done on ferrets, heartworms preventative medication should be considered. Your veterinarian can recommend an appropriate preventative program.

Long neglected as a health concern for animals, dental care is now accepted as an important part of an animal's good health. Veterinarians clean pets' teeth as part of routine examinations. Pet toothpaste can be purchased by owners for use at home.

In addition to the vaccination and general care measures described above, older pets need extra love and attention. Consult with your veterinarian about a good health program which includes a physical exam at least annually. Blood tests are routinely done on older pets to check the function of the animal's organs.

For more information about pet care, contact your veterinarian.

Reposessed Cars to be Sold!

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WEST BRANCH, MI Transports of used cars and trucks seem to be arriving daily from across the country. Their cargo is a sore subject for many banks, but all is not gloom and doom.

While these cars often represent huge losses to banks, they are often sought after deals for bargain hunters. But these bargains are often hard, if not next to impossible, to find.

Generally, used car dealers buy these vehicles at huge discounts and retail them to the public - often selling these cars and truck for top dollar.

But that's all about to change, Matt Arbour, owner of Dean Arbour Ford, Mercury has just announced what may be a bargain-hunter's dream.

"The banks asked us to help," he explained. "And I think we can."

"This Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday, April 9, 10, 11 & 13, we will sell these vehicles and pass the savings on to our customers."

When pressed for examples, Arbour replied, "Well here's a 1997 Escort with only \$87 down payment, your payments are only

\$248 a month for 60 months at only 8.9% APR on approved credit."

"The banks want to put these cars and trucks on the road," said Chris Brandt, Sales Director of Dean Arbour Ford, "and I think they'll do just about anything to make this sale a success."

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MATT ARBOUR

All the cars and trucks will be clearly marked on the window with their discounted prices.

"The payments will also be clearly marked," added Arbour, "This should make shopping for these bargains even easier. Customers can expect to find a large selection of vehicles and prices, from top

line luxury cars, 4x4's minivans and sport utilities to basic transportation.

We have it all! Chris Brandt, Dean Arbour's Sales Director, was quoted as saying, "We want everyone to know that this is a first-come-first-serve sale. At these prices, the really great buys will be really fast!"

"We're staffing up for this event."

"Trade-ins are not a problem, either. Just bring in your title or payment book, and we'll take care of the rest."

Brandt went onto say, "We are confident we can arrange financing for anyone with a job, even if they've had credit problems in the past!"

Arbour said, "We have a little bit of everything to offer. I think if it can be driven, we have one."

Each of these vehicles has been inspected, serviced and is ready to go. Dean Arbour's Used Car Center is located at 912 W. Houghton, Downtown West Branch. For more information about this special event, Matt Arbour or Chris Brandt at (517) 345-1590 or 800-610-3780.

Engler declares Selective Service Awareness Month

If a young man has not registered before turning twenty-six he will permanently forfeit, with few exceptions, his eligibility for certain benefits, such as federal student aid, job training, and most federal employment. In addition, failure to register is a felony punishable by a fine up to \$250,000, up to five years in prison, or both.

The Selective Service system has served our nation well by providing a time-proven and cost effective program to insure the rapid mobilization of our armed forces during times of national emergency. The success of the registration program lies in the willingness of our young men to accept the responsibility to register and serve our country in a time of need.

Governor John Engler has issued an Executive Declaration making April 1998 Selective Service System Registration Awareness Month. In making the declaration, the Governor complimented the more than 473,000 young men of Michigan who are already registered with Selective Service. All citizens of Michigan are urged to support the efforts to make eighteen year old men aware of the requirement to register.

A legal requirement exists that all men must register with the Selective Service System within thirty days of their eighteenth birthday. The registration can be accomplished at any U.S. Post Office, their high school registrar, or through the Internet (<http://www.sss.gov>).

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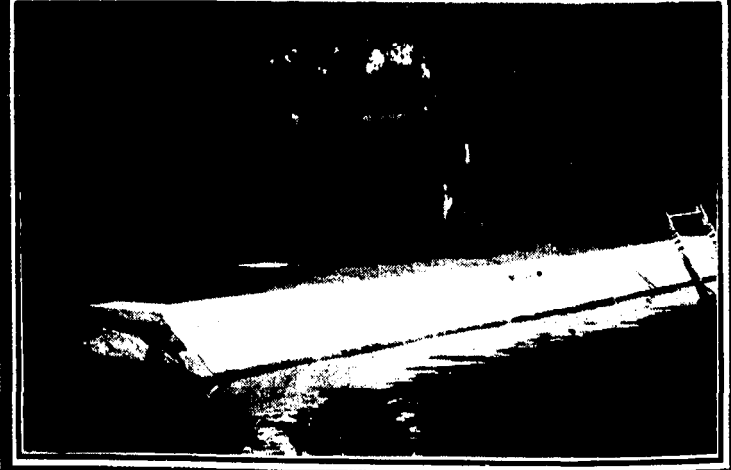
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Section B - Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, April 9, 1998

Roger Weatherly benefit dinner very successful

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

Serving 970 spaghetti dinners at the Roger Weatherly Benefit left everyone who participated flushed with gratitude. The March 21 dinner netted the Weatherly family about \$7,000.

There were countless volunteers on hand to help, but the serving staff was from the Crawford AuSable High School; all classes represented. Sheila Krayes organized this group, and the students were there to meet their community service requirements.

The generosity of the people who attended was evident when many stayed on to participate in the drawings, in the blind auction, and just to chat with neighbors and friends.

Roger Weatherly's battle with cancer became public knowledge in January. Since that time, people have donated and helped in many ways. A total of \$12,000 has been donated and/or pledged to date.

"And, the people -- they just

stayed and stayed," one benefit worker said. The afternoon was one of well wishes and good-natured kidding, especially about how many desserts had been furnished by area churches, and just how many pounds they'd contribute to those who ate them.

Roger's father, Roger Sr., won one of the cash 50-50 drawings, "but I just put it all in the pot," he said. He, and Beaver Creek Supervisor, Lee Riley, and Fire Chief, Ed Holtcamp, were the money changers and good-will ambassadors for the day.

Roger Weatherly was diagnosed with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia in November of last year, and the family had no hospitalization insurance when the news came.

Offering canisters and other cash donations to the family have been ongoing, but the spaghetti dinner was to assist him with living expenses. He's been unable to work full time at the fire station, and his wife Cindy has tried to accompany

him on all of his doctor's appointments and hospital stays.

Roger is preparing to undergo a bone marrow transplant at Harper Hospital in Detroit. He left for the hospital on March 23, and he'll be there for up to six months during a period of necessary convalescence. His sister, Dawn Burke, is a perfect match for the bone marrow transplant.

Roger is now undergoing chemotherapy treatments at the hospital and would appreciate it so much if school kids would write him cards and letters of encouragement.

Pre-paid phone cards (to help with the family's long distance calling expenses) and well-wishes from the general population would also be greatly appreciated.

Roger Weatherly
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THAT'S ITALIAN! -- The kitchen crew for Roger Weatherly's benefit dinner pose near some of the spaghetti they prepared that served 970 people on March 21. Back row, from left: Bill Weaver, Sr., Bill Weaver, Jr. and Barb Holtcamp. Front row, from left: Traci Nelson, Jean Weaver, Ashley Ross and Sarah Weaver. Not pictured: Jackie Parker. Photo by S. Schmoock

Rep. Lowe shows kids the ropes Students tour state capitol



A CAPITOL IDEA -- Rep. Allen Lowe (R-Grayling) recently gave his government class a tour of the state capitol, including the House chambers. The participating students from northern Michigan included, back row, from left: J.R. Knight, West Branch; John Gardiner, Justin Schreiber, Chris Fiebelkorn and Damian Fleischmann, Grayling; Joshua Emig, Fairview. Front row, from left: John Valley, Rose City; Joshua Hendershott and Amanda Pratt, Houghton Lake; Jessi Mitchell, Mio; Ben Talarico, Roscommon.

Junior high students from four northern Michigan counties got a firsthand look at state government thanks to a unique program at Kirtland Community College (KCC).

Intermediate school districts in Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon counties work with KCC to offer innovative programs for young students. State Rep. Allen Lowe's government class is among the offerings.

Lowe, R-Grayling, said teaching the honors course was an enjoyable experience.

"These students have enormous potential," Lowe said. "The best and brightest have talent and enthusiasm. I want to keep track of them in the years

ahead."

Each Friday afternoon, Lowe helped students introduce legislation, form committees and conduct mock sessions. He also brought in officials and lobbyists to make presentations.

"I gave them an honest and thorough look at the process," Lowe said. "These perceptive students appreciated the realistic approach."

Lowe also arranged for the students to visit Lansing where they watched House session and other legislative activities.

"It was the perfect way to wrap things up," Lowe said. "I hope the class and field trip inspires some of them to pursue public service careers."

CRAWFORD COUNTY SPORTS

Viking sophomores make All State

In what must be a first for the Grayling High School basketball program, two Viking sophomores received All State recognition.

Last week Eli Tobin was awarded honorable mention in the Detroit News while Nathan Hinkle garnered honorable mention in the Detroit

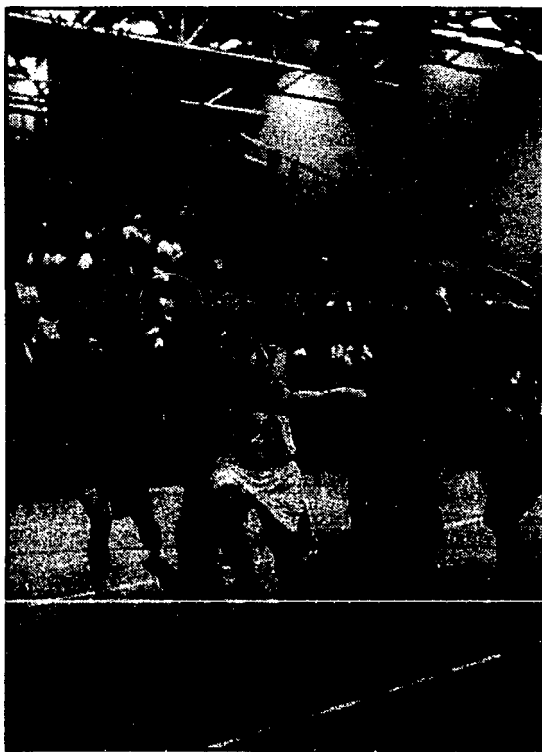
Free Press.

Tobin played point guard for the Vikings and was the team's top playmaker. He is the son of Jim and Dianne Tobin and also earned Varsity letters in football and baseball during the 1997 seasons.

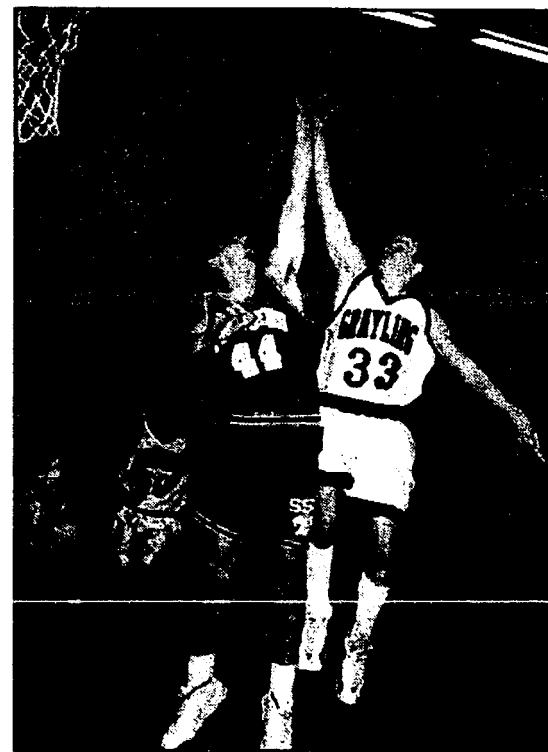
Hinkle, the team's leading scorer,

was effective in both the post and perimeter positions for the Vikings. He is the son of Doug and Mary Hinkle and also earned Varsity letters in track and football during the 1997 seasons.

For more sports news, turn to pages 2-4B.



LEADING SCORER -- Nate Hinkle (number 23) slips through four Standish defenders for a basket. Hinkle made the North East Michigan Conference's All-League First Team and was named an All State honorable mention by the *The Detroit Free Press*.



BATTLING FOR THE LOOSE BALL -- Eli Tobin leaps high for a rebound against a taller defender. Tobin was named to the North East Michigan Conference All-League First Team and recently received All State honors as an honorable mention.

Two new writers join editorial staff of The Avalanche

Two writers have joined the editorial staff of *The Crawford County Avalanche* in Grayling.

Chris Casey and Cheryl Ruley are currently performing the reporting, writing, photography and editorial duties for the newspaper.

Casey joined the staff on Feb. 23 after four years at the *Grayling News*. He holds a Bachelor of Science in English from Adrian College and a Master of Arts in Journalism from Michigan State University.

Casey is a Grayling native. He is a 1993 graduate of Grayling High School.

He has been with Casey for the past year, and they plan to play some golf and join a men's softball team this summer.

"I am looking for new stories and ideas, but I would like to eventually write a few columns for *The Avalanche*," Casey said.

Casey's first column for *The Avalanche* is due in May. He is a free-lance writer and has

on full-time responsibilities Feb. 9, 1998.

Cheryl moved to Grayling three years ago with her husband, Mark, and daughters, Kim and Karyn.

She grew up in Warren and graduated from Fraser High School in 1976. She took a psychology course at Macomb County Community College and earned a free-lance writing certificate from Oakton College in Illinois.

Before her husband moved from the U.S. Navy, the family traveled throughout the country, and Cheryl corresponded with dif-

ferent newspapers along the way.

She moved to Grayling for "a more relaxed and safer atmosphere," Ruley said. Ruley's spare time activities include bowling, working in her yard, needlework and watching comedies.

She has had to abandon her home gift basket and craft business to dedicate herself to her new position, but will still "build baskets" when she is able.

"It was a difficult decision to make, but I'm glad I have this opportunity to do what I've always wanted to do, that is to write,"

said Ruley.

Regarding her stint at *The Avalanche* to this point, Ruley said, "I like that we get to meet a lot of different people. It's allowed me to become very knowledgeable about things that are going on."

In the future Ruley said she is also interested in writing columns. "Something like the kind Dave Barry writes,"

Howard Johnson, former *Grayling News* editor and publisher, continues his position as associate publisher and editorial consultant.

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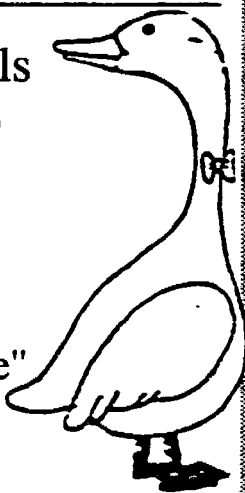
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Basketball holds year end banquet

The Grayling Boys Basketball Team recently held its season-ending banquet to close out a league championship season.

The Vikings finished in a tie for the North East Michigan Conference title with an 11-5 record and led the conference in scoring.

Grayling received the Michigan Academic All State Award, posting a team grade point average of 3.19.

Various individual awards were given out at the banquet, including the team MVP award, which was shared by sophomores Nate Hinkle and Eli Tobin.

Hinkle and Tobin combined for an average of 44 points per game.

Robert Dent, Gordon Elsner and

Pete Mead shared the 'Mr. Hustle' award, and Travis Parkinson was named 'Mr. Defense.'

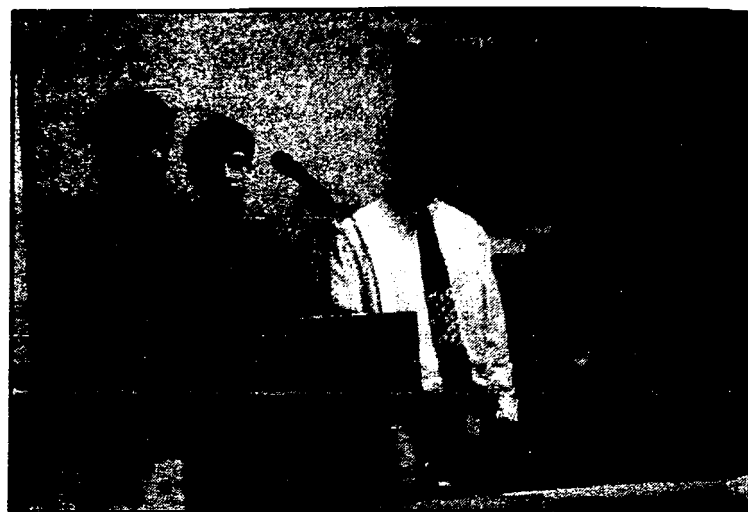
Mike Ostwald received the Most Improved Award.

Hinkle was awarded the Coach's MVP, and All Conference MVP went to Nate Beckwith.

Cheerleading awards were also given out at the banquet:

The Varsity Cheerleading team honored Amanda Love as 'Most Spirited' and the Coach's Award went to Tiffany Craigie.

The Junior Varsity cheering squad awarded Janna Eddy 'Most Improved' and Michelle Stepp was given the Coach's Award.



SENIORS SPEAK -- (left to right) Senior Robert Dent gives a speech at the year end basketball banquet, while his fellow twelfth graders Gordon Elsner and Travis Parkinson wait their turn. The three seniors talked about the development of the basketball program over the course of their careers. Also pictured are Vikings Jeremy Jones and David Hawkins.



CEDAR POST VIKINGS -- Spirit club member Monica Dent displays her likenesses of the varsity basketball team, including Coach Moffitt and Coach Hayes. Dent made the Viking team idols out of cedar posts.

FOOTNOTES FROM THE HILLS

Grayling Recreation Authority News

by Cindy Olson

EASTER EGG HUNT - Saturday, April 11. Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt will be at 10:30. There will also be pictures with the Easter Bunny at the cost of \$2 each. The cost of breakfast will be \$2 for kids and \$3 for adults.

SPRING SOCCER - Grades K-2nd and 3rd - 8th begin games Saturday, April 18. Games will be played for 6 weeks at Hanson Hills Recreation Area. Late registration is \$25 call 348-2292.

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY - Saturday, May 9 from 9 a.m. to noon. Let's all get together to improve our recreation area. Lunch will be provided. Bring a rake, gloves and a friend! This is an excellent community service project!

GRAYLING FISH HATCHERY - Opening on May 23. Season passes will be available again this year. Cost is \$5 for Senior Citizens, \$10 per couple, and \$15 for family.

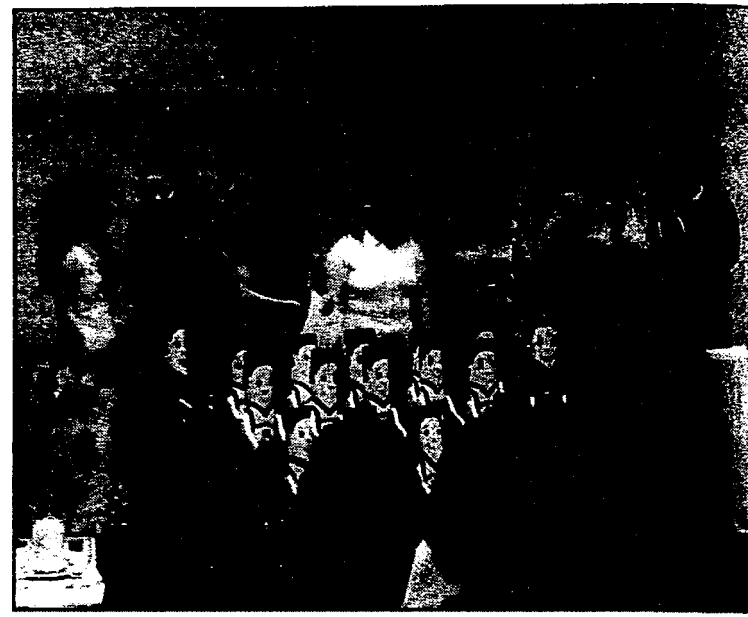
TAE KWON DO - Meets on Tuesday evenings at the Fred Bear

Memorial Center. Four week sessions cost is \$20 for children, who meet from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and \$30 for adults, who meet from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. You can just show up there to sign up.

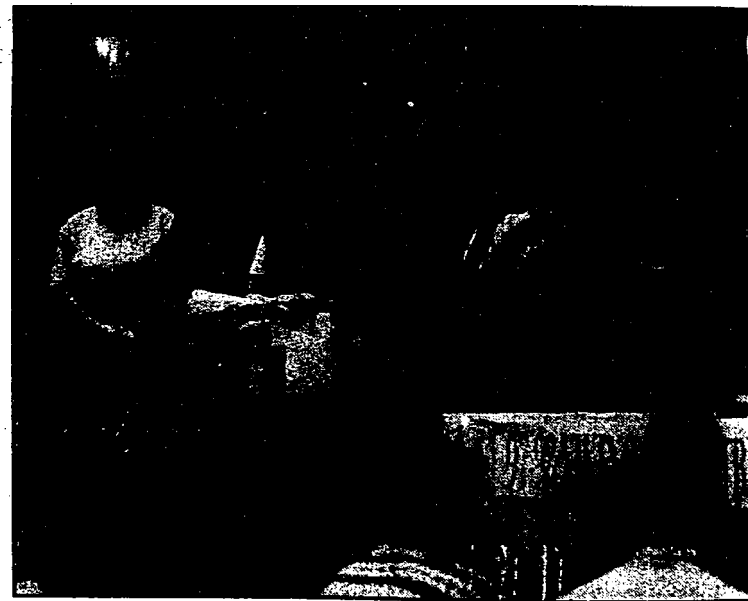
SUMMER DAY CAMP - This FREE Youth Program starts June 15, and ends July 3rd. It is designed to educate and provide alternatives to alcohol, tobacco and drug use by exposing children to activities that promote a healthy lifestyle. Age groups are K-2, 3rd-5th, and 6th-8th. For more information call Jessica at 348-9266.

INTERNET - Visit us at our new home page - www.hansonhills.org or E-mail us at hanhills@mich.com. You can check out all the happenings at Hanson Hills.

FACILITY RENTAL - Don't forget - We have facilities for your parties, reunions and events. The gym is an excellent place for a Birthday Party or rainy day use at only \$15 an hour. The main lodge is \$175 per day. Please call 348-9266.



VARSITY CHEERLEADERS -- (left to right) Amanda Love, Heidie Wallace, Darci Trudgeon, Tiffany Craigie, Tasha Carlisle, (behind coach) Jessica Becks, Coach Chris Burrell, Shannon Anglebrandt.



JUNIOR VARSITY CHEER TEAM -- (left to right) Michelle Stepp, Heather Lynch, Tammella Strait, Kira Maples, (behind coach) Joyce Thomas, Coach Gail Belcher, Sonya Saladine.

Grizzlies split pair with Barons

On Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28, the Gaylord Grizzlies faced the Cleveland Barons in Cleveland, OH.

The Grizzlies lost Friday's game by a score of 4-2.

Nate Ziemi was between the pipes for the Grizzlies, while Will Hamel was in net for Cleveland.

Goals for the Grizzlies were:

Karlis Zirniss, assisted by Jim Sokol and Brent Korzecki.

Nick Dumas, a power play goal, assisted by Zirniss and Mark Yoder.

On Saturday night, Ziemi was in net again for the Grizzlies' 7-5 win. Goals in that game were:

Kenton Bednarz, a power play goal, assisted by Geoff Kobayashi and Brad Fraser.

Sokol, a power play goal, assisted by Tim Hearon and Jason Deitsch.

Zirniss, an unassisted, short handed goal.

Bednarz, a power play goal, assisted by Dumas and Zirniss.

Sokol, a power play goal, assisted by Deitsch and Korzecki.

Deitsch, an empty net goal, assisted by Korzecki and Bednarz.

The Grizzlies' next game will take place against the Danville Wings on Saturday, April 4. The puck will drop at 7:30 p.m. at the Otsego County Sportsplex in Gaylord.

On Sunday, April 5, the Grizzlies face the Cleveland Barons for their final regular season game. Face-off is set for 3 p.m. at the Sportsplex.

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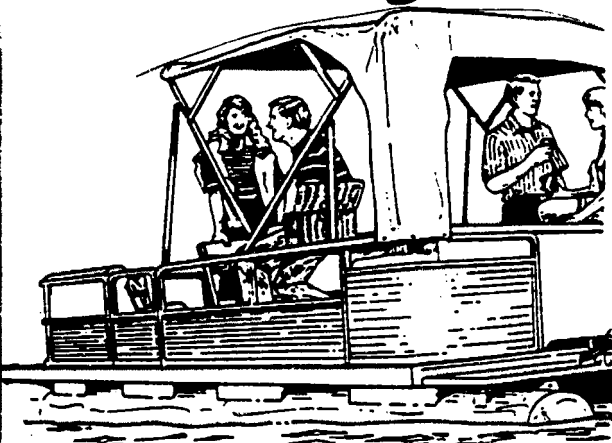
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BOWLING LEAGUE



American Men's League

McLean's Ace	27-15
Stitches by Sue	24-18
Burnside RV	22-20
Northwood's Land	21-21
Fenton's Auto	20-22
Upper Lakes	20-22
Buccilli's	17-25
Red Barn	17-25
High Game: D. Canfield, 248; R. Pyle, 245; T. Devins, 222; L. Davis, J. Thayer, 213.	
High Series: D. Canfield, 646; R. Pyle, 625; T. Devins, 616.	

Recreation League

Peterson Saw Service	32-20
Glen's Market	31-21
Fun-N-Sun Rental	26.5-25.5
North Country R.V.	25.5-26.5
Scheer Motors	25.5-26.5
Mickey Perez CPA	24.5-27.5
Cornell's	23-29
Mark 8	20-32
High Game: N. Root, 215; B. Wheeler, 205; L. Dellar, 199.	
High Series: L. Dellar, 538; N. Root, 485; D. Mead, 483.	

National First

Northern White Tail	35-13
Moore's Auto Parts	33-15
Weyerhaeuser	28-20
Legion & D. Ross Const.	27-21
Forest Brothers	26-22
Corky's D.J. & Karaoke	24-24
City Environmental	16-32
Guns & Grubs	3-45
High Game: T. Sheldon, 235; T. Kotrash, 227; M. Smith, 224.	
High Series: T. Kotrash, 642; T. Sheldon, 614; D. Henning, 608.	

Senior Citizens League

Tees 'N' Such 'R' Us	66.5-45.5
Buccilli's Pizza	60-52
Stevens Family Circle	57-55
Totten's Body Shop	55-57
Baynham Forest Products	54.5-57.5
Cornell Realty	53.5-58.5
Flowers By Josie	51.5-60.5
Sylvester's Sports	50-62
Men's High Game: L. Essiambre, 223; K. Harris, 214; O. Brantley, 204.	
Men's High Series: L. Essiambre, 583; K. Harris, 559; H. Ingram, 535.	
Women's High Game: D. Mead, 198; S. Dykstra, 194; R. Stimpson, 184.	
Women's High Series: D. Mead, 483; R. Joyce, 476; S. Dykstra, 467.	

Detroit Lions grant funds to New Life Community Service

New Life Community Service, an outpatient counseling agency in Grayling, has recently received grant monies from the Detroit Lions Charities.

The grant is in support of the agency's continued campaign with our youth against alcohol and other drugs. Young people today have great pressures to use alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

This year, Detroit Lions Charities awarded a record number of grants, totalling over one million dollars, to non-profit programs and charities in Michigan.

The Detroit Lions Charities is a non-profit organization founded by the Detroit Lions in 1990 to help charitable and community organizations throughout the state.

New Life Community Service is concerned about the increase of tobacco and alcohol use among children.

The latest University of Michigan study in northern Michigan revealed

Friday Night Mixed Doubles

Charles Country Corner	45-15
Suttles	39-21
Aunt Betty's	33-27
Moshier Auto Repair	29-31
A. Bulldog Towing	29-31
AJD Forest Products	24-36
Fick & Sons	21-39
Sawmill	20-40
Men's High Game: D. Canfield, 205, 197; M. Campbell, 193, 192; M. Sumner, 191.	
Men's High Series: D. Canfield, 584; M. Campbell, 574; M. Sumner, 511.	
Women's High Game: S. France, 208, 201; K. Moshier, 189; S. Sumner, 180.	
Women's High Series: S. France, 549; K. Moshier, 485; B. Lozon, 475.	

Pioneer League

Ginger's	30.5-17.5
Chemical Bank	28-20
Custom Interior	27.5-20.5
Millikin's	27-21
Mercy Hospital	26-22
Aunt Betty's	19-29
Avalanche	19-29
Lady Slippers	15-33
High Game: S. Sumner, 203; L. Goltick, K. Moshier, 190; M. Partin, 186.	
High Series: K. Moshier, 522; J. Coors, 520; C. Ruley, 518.	

Northwood League

Rich's Cycle Service	39
Wakeley's Auto Parts	34.5
Helsel Brothers	28
Millikin's	24.5
Rochette's	21
R & M Masonry	21
R. Calkins & Sons	20
Milltown Carpet	20
High Game: K. Schmidt, 197; T. Raybould, 192; B. Wakeley, 190.	
High Series: P. D'Amour, 542; L. Holtcamp, 512; M. Miller, 499.	

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Pool League

Sawmill II	209
Frederic Inn	162
Sawmill I	161
Legion	159
Plaza	146
Spikes	135
5 ball run: Patsey P. of Sawmill II, Dee K. of Spikes, Lisa M. of Plaza.	
Won all 6 games: Margo R. and Melonie R. of Sawmill II.	



PLAY BALL! -- These two young ball players were photographed around the turn of the century and remain unidentified. Janet Willette-Ruhlin of Frederic brought this photo into the office of *The Avalanche* and hopes that someone can name the ball players. At the bottom left of the photo reads the name *Geo. H. Bonnell* (maybe the photographer) and at the bottom left reads *Grayling*. Anyone with information concerning the subjects in this old photo, please contact *The Avalanche* at 348-6811.

YOUTH BOWLING LEAGUE

Action League

Men in Black	34-10
Strike 2 Judgments	28-16
Lethal Weapons	24-20
J.C.'s 1st Strikers	23-21
Natural Born Killers	21-23
Phantoms	17-27
Women in Black	16-28
Kung Fu Mania	13-31
High Game: Male: N. Sloan, 192; Female: N. Strohpaal, 175.	
High Series: Male: R. Strohpaal, 468; Female: N. Strohpaal, 470.	
Most Pins over Average: Male: N. Sloan, 73; Female: S. Davis, 68.	
Most Pins over Series: Male: C. Marculewicz, 100; Female: N. Strohpaal, J. Root, 47.	

Comedy League

Spy's	22-11
Paul Bearers	20.5-12.5
Black Sheep	20-13
Wild Natures	19.5-13.5
Tin Cups	18-15
Nutty Professors	11-22
Clerk's	10.5-22.5
Space Jammers	10.5-22.5
High Game: Male: K. Fedak, 145; Female: K. Davis, 128.	
High Series: Male: K. Fedak, 250; Female: K. Davis, 238.	
Most Pins over Average: Male: Z. Sheldon, 45; Female: T. Root, M. Mathey, 26.	
Most Pins over Series: Male: J. Root, 5; Female: M. Mathey, 4.	

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European Volleyball Tour for high school girls

Continental Teams Summer Youth Sports Program is taking applications for its 1998 summer European girls volleyball tour.

The 18 day tour will depart on June 28 and return July 15.

This year's teams will travel to England, Holland, Belgium, Germany, France and Switzerland to play local club teams. The teams will also participate in various tournaments, including the London International Tournament.

In addition to the international competition, the players will have the opportunity to sightsee and make new friends abroad.

Teams are open to high school age girls, including the class of 1998, who have average to above average volleyball skills. Players will be placed on teams according to age and skill level.

Continental Teams is a non-profit organization that was formed 14 years ago and is dedicated to promoting sports in conjunction with education and travel.

For application, brochure, trip cost and fund-raising information call or fax 708-848-0070 or write Continental Teams, 804 S. Ridgeland, Oak Park, Illinois, 60304.

Advice for springtime planting

by Brian Crouch
Conservation District Forester

Although the calendar indicates that we are now in the fourth full week of spring, many landowners have yet to shake off their winter lethargy. Long months of weak ice and little snow have kept many from enjoying their favorite cold season sports, stranding them on the couch where they know they should not be spending so much time.

A terrific way to snap out of the late winter/early spring doldrums is to begin planning your spring planting.

The Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District would like to offer a suggestion to those of you interested in saving some work and money down the road: plant trees and wildlife shrubs.

As with any investment, there are initial start-up costs associated with the planting of trees and wildlife shrubs around, such as the purchase of seedlings and effort expended planting and tending them over the first two or three years.

Fortunately, these are minor compared with the dividends paid to the landowner as the trees and shrubs mature.

The first and most obvious benefit is the aesthetic beauty trees and shrubs bring to your property. Pleasantly scented, visually attractive flowers are part of the bargain when you plant wildlife shrubs. Depending on the species planted, their flowers will grace your property

in the months of May, June and early July.

Witch hazel, an exception to the rule, flowers in September and retains its ribbon-like yellow flowers through most of the winter. Trees and shrubs alike offer fall colors that will brighten your property in an often gray and depressing time of the year.

Not only do trees and wildlife shrubs give us something to look at, they can also provide a visual screen for areas where privacy and noise reduction are desired. Typically, this means along a road that abuts the front or side yard of a property. Spaced properly, two or three rows of evergreens will develop into a green wall that shields your house from annoying headlights and loud mufflers.

Additionally, people with a sizeable block of land often use evergreens to keep opportunistic motorists from parking by the road and shining deer on their property.

Often times power lines are strung along the edge of the road in people's front or side yards. When this is the case, setting the green wall well back from the road is mandatory or, as many examples show, the power company will come along and butcher your trees to keep them from growing into the lines.

If you don't have much room to sacrifice to a setback, then wildlife shrubs are an excellent choice. Most shrubs will only grow to 10 or 15

feet in height, which makes them a terrific choice for under power lines.

Another practical use for trees and wildlife shrubs is that of a living snow fence along the length of a driveway. Even if you have a pickup truck with a plow, snow removal still involves time and work. Why not plant a windbreak on the upwind side of your driveway and keep the snow on your lawn where it will do some good as an insulator and source of springtime moisture?

After you finish protecting your driveway, your home could benefit from the very same treatment. Windbreaks have been proven to affect heating savings of between 10 and 30 percent, depending on the severity of the winter and the heat-retaining efficiency of the house in question.

Shrubs provide excellent habitat for most species of wildlife. They provide structural diversity to a typical tree/crabgrass dominated suburban property and are often a focal point for many species of birds and mammals. Whether the shrub itself is used as browse, the berries and seeds of the fruit are eaten, or wildlife utilizes it for concealment, shrubbery will draw wildlife to your property.

A few calls to the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District have concerned the weather phenomenon known as "El Nino" and how this might affect planting conditions this spring.

Although temperatures in Michigan are not supposed to deviate from seasonal norms, precipitation will be less than our monthly norms in March, April and May. Moderately reduced rainfall is predicted for June.

Fortunately, a cheap solution is available for those of you interested in planting trees and wildlife shrubs in sandy soils that are on the dry side, even in a normal year: root dip.

Made of a biodegradable polymer, these moisture absorbing granules are mixed with water and allowed to set up for 20 or 30 minutes. The polymer absorbs many times its weight in water and readily clings to the roots of any seedling you dip in the slurry of water and polymer.

This not only helps keep your seedlings from drying out during planting, it also traps precipitation that would normally percolate past seedling roots.

The root dip continues to aid the seedling until it biodegrades in three to five years and is quite inexpensive. One packet treats 1,200 to 2,000 seedlings.

Inquiries on planting advice, tree selection and sales, wildlife, and many other topics are welcome at 517-275-5231, the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District.

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THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRANCH, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS PRESQUE ISLE ELECTRIC & GAS CO-OP

South Branch Township Special Board meeting on March 21, 1998 the acceptance of ordinance #14.
ORDINANCE NO. 14

AN ORDINANCE, granting to PRESQUE ISLE ELECTRIC & GAS CO-OP, its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive, irrevocable right, power, and authority to lay, maintain, and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under highways, streets, alleys, bridges and other public places, and to do a local gas business in the TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRANCH, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN for a period of thirty years.

THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRANCH ORDAINS:

Section 1. Grant of Gas Franchise and Consent to Laying of Pipes, Etc. Subject to all the terms and conditions mentioned in this ordinance, consent is hereby given to Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Michigan (the "Company"), and to its successors and assigns, to lay, maintain, operate, and use gas pipes, mains, conductors, service pipes, and other necessary equipment in the highways, streets, alleys, and other public places in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and non-exclusive, irrevocable franchise is hereby granted to the Company, its successors and assigns, to transact local business in said Township of South Branch for the purposes of conveying gas into and through and supplying and selling gas in said Township of South Branch and all other matters incidental thereto. The Township specifically gives notice that it has very limited ownership and control over the rights of way in South Branch Township, in its acceptance the Company shall acknowledge this.

Section 2. Gas Service and Extension of System. If the provisions and conditions herein contained are accepted by the Company, as in section (6) hereof provided, then the Company shall furnish gas to applicants residing therein in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations; and provided further that such installation and any extensions shall be subject to applicable provisions now from time to time hereafter contained in the Company's Rules and Regulations for Gas Service as files with the Township of South Branch or the Michigan Public Service Commission (whichever is applicable) or successor agency having similar jurisdiction. The Company shall file a copy of its Rates, Rules and Regulations from time to time in effect with the Clerk of the Township of South Branch or the Michigan Public Service Commission, as appropriate, in accordance with its practice.

Section 3. Use of Streets and Other Public Places. The Company, its successors and assigns, shall not unnecessarily obstruct the passage of any of the highways, streets, alleys, or other public places within said Township of South Branch and shall within a reasonable time after making an opening or excavation, repair the same and leave it in as good condition as before the opening or excavation was made. The Company, its successors and assigns, shall use due care in exercising the privileges herein contained and shall be liable to said Township of South Branch for all damages and costs which may be recovered against the Township of South Branch arising from the default, carelessness, or negligence of the Company or its officers, agents, and servants.

No road, street, alley, or highway shall be opened for the laying of trunk lines or lateral mains except upon application to the State Highway Commission, the Crawford County Road Commission or the Township of South Branch or other authority having jurisdiction in the premises, stating the nature of the proposed work and the route. Upon receipt of such application, it shall be the duty of the State Highway Commissioners, the Crawford County Road Commissioners or the Township Board, or such authority as may have jurisdiction, to issue a permit to the Company to do the work proposed.

Section 4. Standards and Conditions of Service: Rules, Regulations and Rates. The Company is now under the jurisdiction of the Township of South Branch and/or the Michigan Public Service Commission to the extent provided by statute. It is the intent of the Company and the Township of South Branch that any future rate adjustments be subject to "HOME RULE," per 1919 PA 419; MCL 460.54, defined below.

The beginning Mcl charge (i.e., commodity charge) shall be set at 5 cents per Mcl below that of Michigan Consolidated Gas Company's statewide RESIDENTIAL RATE, as approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission, and shall include gas cost recovery charge, distribution charge, and all other charges, factors and surcharges now or hereafter made on a per-unit-of-gas basis. Late payment charges may be assessable by the Company. Future adjustments, either increase or decrease, will be determined by HOME RULE or the Michigan Public Service Commission whichever is the election of the Company or the Township of South Branch.

The rate provided for in this franchise may be increased to reflect any new or increased specific tax, free or excise tax applicable within the Township of South Branch which is not incorporated in the current rates of Michigan Consolidated Gas. The rates provided in this franchise are exclusive of Michigan State Sales Tax, which may be added to bills as required by law.

Home Rule, as applicable to this franchise, shall mean that the rates and charges are fixed in, and regulated by, this franchise agreement. In the event that either the Company or the Township of South Branch are dissatisfied with the rates or charges established as a result of this franchise agreement, either the Company or the Township of South Branch may submit to the Michigan Public Service Commission any questions involving the fixing or determination of rates or charges and the Michigan Public Service Commission shall thereupon be empowered, and it shall be its duty, per 1919 PA 419; MCL 460.54, to make full investigation as to all matters so submitted and to fix and establish such reasonable maximum rates and charges. If either the Company or the Township of South Branch submits any such question to the Michigan Public Service Commission, both parties agree that such request constitutes a joint submission of both parties.

In the event it were determined that the Michigan Public Service Commission has exclusive jurisdiction to determine rates for the Company gas service hereunder, the Company shall be entitled to charge rates as approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission.

Section 5. Force Majeure. The Company shall not be under any liability for failure to furnish gas service as herein provided, or for any breach of the Company's obligations hereunder, if such failure or breach is caused in any part by acts of God, labor troubles, strikes, shortages of supply, accidents, breakage or repair of pipelines, machinery or equipment, failure of suppliers to deliver, shortages of materials or labor, governmental laws, rulings or regulations, or any other causes or contingencies not within the control of the Company.

Section 6. Effective Date: Term of Franchise Ordinance: Acceptance by the Company. This ordinance shall take effect the day following the date of publication thereof, which publication shall be made within thirty (30) days after the date of its adoption, and shall continue in effect for a period of thirty (30) years thereafter, provided, however, that when this ordinance shall become effective the Township Clerk shall deliver to the Company a certified copy of the ordinance accompanied by written evidence of publication and recording thereof as required by law, and the Company shall, sixty (60) days after receipt of the above documents, file with the Township Clerk its written acceptance of the conditions and provisions hereof.

The township's granting of this franchise shall be submitted to the township electors, as applicable, at the next regular election or special election for the purpose of confirming the grant of such franchise. If confirmed, the franchise shall be irrevocable.

Section 7. Effect and Interpretation of Ordinance. All ordinances and resolutions, and parts thereof, which conflict with any of the terms of this ordinance are hereby rescinded. In the case of conflict between this ordinance and any such ordinances or resolutions, this ordinance shall control. The catch line headings which precede each section of this ordinance are for convenience in reference only and shall not be taken into consideration in the construction or interpretation of any of the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 8. Successors and Assigns. The words "Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op" and "the Company", wherever used herein, are intended and shall be held and construed to mean and include both Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op and its successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

A tentative information meeting to be held July 14, 1998. A true copy of the ordinance may be inspected or obtained at the Municipal Building, weekdays 9 a.m. to noon.

Ayes: Huffman, Weiler, Smith, Musselman.

Nays: None.

Absent: McGillis

Date Passed: March 21, 1998, Saturday, 7 p.m.

Attested, by Order of the Township of South Branch

Laura Smith, Township Clerk

Alan Huffman, Township Supervisor

LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held the 23rd day of February 1998
Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Stevens at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Stevens, Golinick, Brown, Ruddy, Palmer. Members absent: None. Also in Attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Kaye Ellen King, J.C. King, Faye Bovee, Bob Bovee, Dick Milliman, Tim Smith, Joe Jarvis, five Students, Norm Bancroft, Dennis Palmer. Moved by Brown, supported by Ruddy that the minutes of the meeting of February 9, 1998 be approved as presented. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; motion carried.

Public Hearing. None. Citizens who wish to speak. a. Mr. Jarvis asked why "Citizens Who Wish To Speak" is at the beginning of the meeting instead of at the end. Mayor Stevens stated that he is looking into changing this to the end of the meeting to allow those person who have taken the time to get on the Agenda to speak before those who just show up.

Communications were received and noted. a. City Housing Commission Minutes of January 13, 1998.

b. Cornell Building Open House Notice on February 24, 1998.

c. Grayling Police Department monthly report for January 1998.

d. County Board Agenda for February 24, 1998 and Minutes of February 12, 1998.

Old Business. None.

New Business.

a. 1998-1999 Christmas Decorating Contract. Moved by Golinick, supported by Ruddy to approve the proposed Christmas Decorating Contract with Joe Meredith for 1998 and 1999 with a cost per pole of \$65.00 for each of the two years. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Absent: 0, motion carried.

The City Manager will check out 1-75 Business Loop for more decorating and make adjustments at Budget time.

Reports of City Manager.

a. Legislative Bulletins were discussed. Mr. Morford reported on M.M.L. Committee meeting attended on February 20, 1998. Act 51 Rules were discussed.

Fire Protection reimbursement for public lands was discussed.

Investment Policy will be looked at to see if M.M.L. is acting.

Governors proposed Environmental Bond Issue Election would allow Clean Water issues Brownfield Development etc.

b. M.M.L. Legislative Conference on March 25th in Lansing. Mayor Stevens and Council Member Golinick will attend.

c. Smoking ban in all public buildings is being discussed in Mt. Pleasant.

Reports of Council Members.

a. Ms. Palmer asked if there was a point in including the recent editorial from the Bay City Times reference Micro-managing. Mr. Golinick and Mr. Stevens stated that they thought the editorial made some good points for any city with a City Manager System. The system only works if it is allowed to function as designed.

Adjournment.

Moved by Stevens, supported by Golinick that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford,
City Manager & City Clerk

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GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Please be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on April 20, 1998, at 7:00 p.m., in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, to hear the following cases:

Case #98-4: Janet Varney-Small, petitioner. T26N, R3W, Sec. 7. Riverside Sub., Lots 18 & 19. 111 Evergreen Drive NRD Zone

A request to construct a 24'x36' detached garage to an existing residence. 84' from the mainstream, a variance of 115' (includes 1' rise in bank), and 5' from the southerly side lot line, a variance of 25'.

Case #98-5: Maricela Gates, petitioner. T26N, R2W, Sec. 5. 1550 Michelson Drive NRD Zone

A request to construct a 24'x28' detached garage to the rear of an existing residence. Closest point of construction 125' from the mainstream, a variance of 69' (includes 6' rise in bank).

Tentative text and zoning maps may be examined at the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone: (517) 348-4361.

Monica S. Ashton,
Township Clerk

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by GLENN R. HAGLE and SUZANN L. HAGLE, Husband and Wife, of 608 Ottawa Street, Grayling, Michigan, 49738, to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with its District Office being located at 3197 Logan Valley Road, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, the Mortgagee, dated October 2, 1981, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on October 6, 1981, in Liber 200 of Crawford County Records, on Pages 561 through 564, inclusive. By reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND ONE AND 36/100 (\$35,001.36) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse, located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling and County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Thursday May 7, 1998 at 10:00 o'clock a.m., local time, in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 13.25 percent interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Lands and premises situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan:

The Northeastly half (NE 1/2) of Lots 7 and 8, Block 6, Hadleys Amended Addition to the Village of Grayling, being a subdivision of part of the Southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of the Northeast quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Seven (7), Town Twenty-Six North (T26N) Range Three West (R3W), Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof as recorded at Liber 1 of Plats, Page 4, Crawford County Records. (Also commonly known as 608

Ottawa Street, Grayling, Michigan 49738.) The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale. For further information with regard to this foreclosure contact Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration), 240 West Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan 48661, telephone (517) 345-5470, facsimile (517) 345-4010.

Dated: March 30, 1998
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee.
Robert J. Zitta (P22749)
Attorney for Mortgagee
SCHEUERLE & ZITTA
300 Washington Street
P.O. Box 212
Grand Haven, MI 49417
(616) 842-1470

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by MARY COLE, whose address is 2424 Marshall Road, Grayling, Michigan, 49738, to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with its District Office being located at 3197 Logan Valley Road, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, the Mortgagee, dated March 4, 1996, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on March 6, 1996, in Liber 408 of Crawford County Records, on Pages 186 through 189, inclusive, such Mortgage being given to secure a loan to such Borrower on said date owing to the Government concerning the real estate hereafter described, and also by virtue of said Mortgage such Borrower on said date owing of March 4, 1996 assumed a prior Mortgage obligation owing to the Government by virtue of a certain real estate Mortgage made by Paula L. Phillips to USDA, Farmers Home Administration, dated July 20, 1995 and recorded July 20, 1995 in Liber 397 of Crawford County Records on Pages 190 through 193, inclusive, which obligation was expressly assumed by the Borrower, Mary Cole, by virtue of a certain Assumption Agreement. By reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY-TWO AND 30/100 (462,942.30) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted to

recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse, located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling and County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Thursday May 7, 1998 at 10:00 o'clock a.m., local time,

in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 6.75 percent interest, legal costs, attorney's fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Lands and premises situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan:
Lot 11, Block 3, KAREN WOODS SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 44, Crawford County Records. (Also commonly known as 2424 Marshall Road, Grayling, Michigan 49738.)

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure contact Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration), 240 West Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan 48661, telephone (517) 345-5470, facsimile (517) 345-4010.

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GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Grayling Township Planning Commission will hold PUBLIC HEARINGS on Tuesday, April 28, 1998, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (W. M-72), Grayling, to receive and review public comment regarding the following requests:

CASE 98-1: Grayling Township Planning Commission, petitioner
P.O. Box 521
Grayling, MI 49738

A request to amend Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance 92-2 by creating a Planned Industrial (PI) District and a Planned Commercial (PC) District follows:

35.0 SECTION 35.0 (PI) PLANNED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

35.1 Intent.

To establish a zone within T26N, R3W, Sections 20, 29, 32 and 33 for necessary industrial and related uses on property which could be released from state ownership to serve the general industrial needs of the community.

35.2 Approval Requirements.

- All businesses wanting to locate in this area must appear before the Grayling Township Planning Commission with a written recommendation from the Industrial Development Committee of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce. Once obtained, Planning Commission approval will be forwarded to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Real Estate Division with a request to release a specific portion of land in this zone for sale to the prospective business. (Any business or organization which obtains property and locates in this zone without prior Planning Commission approval will be in violation of this ordinance and subject to prosecution under prescribed civil penalty provisions.)
- A \$200 fee must accompany a petition to appear before the Grayling Township Planning Commission requesting permission to locate in this zone.
- A general business plan must accompany a petition to appear before the Grayling Township Planning Commission requesting permission to locate in this zone. It must contain, in writing:
 - Reasoning as to why this business would best benefit the community if located in this district rather than in a different location.
 - A detailed building site plan.
 - A short and long-term statement of goals and objectives of the business.
 - A general financial statement from the prospective purchaser and/or business developer.
- The Grayling Township Planning Commission will hear and make every effort to determine approval or non-approval within five (5) working days of notification that a petition has been received by the Zoning Administrator or Township Clerk. (Variances, conditional use permits and public hearings will be handled in normal time frames due to legal notification and publication requirements.)

35.3 Permitted Principle Uses.

- Manufacturing and other industrial uses.
- Uses directly related to manufacturing which require a large amount of land to conduct a primary business.

35.4 Requirements for Principle Use.

- Uses other than for normal accessory storage within this district shall be conducted within a completely enclosed building or buildings.
- All other requirements within Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance (92-2) will remain in effect as to parking, fencing, etc.
- Businesses requiring municipal water and/or sewer services will comply with all regulations and requirements of any presiding agreement between City of Grayling and Grayling Township designed to facilitate this need.
- A natural buffer zone of a depth of 1,320 feet will be maintained along the I-75 right-of-way, and adjacent to any residential private property line.

35.5 Non-permitted Uses.

- Salvage yards or businesses which require storage of unsightly material is outside of a building.
- Businesses which are non-compatible, or could be determined to constitute an unnecessary risk to the health, safety and welfare of its own employees of nearby business neighborhood residents, the community as a whole, or any aspect of the surrounding environment.

35.6 Conditional Uses.

- Secondary uses requested after the approval and establishment of a primary use, and not specifically prohibited in 35.5 (requires Planning Commission approval).

36.0 SECTION 36.0 (PC) PLANNED COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

36.1 Intent.

To establish a zone within T26N, R3W, Sections 20, 29, 32 and 33 for necessary commercial uses on property which could be released from state ownership to serve the general and light commercial needs of the community.

36.2 Approval Requirements.

- All businesses wanting to locate in this area must appear before the Grayling Township Planning Commission with a written recommendation from the Industrial Development Committee of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce. Once obtained, Planning Commission approval will be forwarded to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Real Estate Division with a request to release a specific portion of land in this zone for sale to the prospective business. (Any business or organization which obtains property and locates in this zone without prior Planning Commission approval will be in violation of this ordinance and subject to prosecution under prescribed civil penalty provisions.)
- A \$200 fee must accompany a petition to appear before the Grayling Township Planning Commission requesting permission to locate in this zone.
- A general business plan must accompany a petition to appear before the Grayling Township Planning Commission requesting permission to locate in this zone. It must contain, in writing:
 - Reasoning as to why this business would best benefit the community if located in this district rather than in a different location.
 - A detailed building site plan.
 - A short and long-term statement of goals and objectives of the business.
 - A general financial statement from the prospective purchaser and/or developer.
- The Grayling Township Planning Commission will hear and make every effort to determine approval or non-approval within five (5) working days of notification that a petition has been received by the Zoning Administrator or Township Clerk. (Variances, conditional use permits and public hearings will be handled in normal time frames due to legal notification and publication requirements.)

36.3 Permitted Principle Uses.

- Customary uses as defined in sections 12.2 and 13.2 of the Grayling Township Ordinance (92-2).
- Commercial uses directly related to manufacturing which require close proximity to industrial facilities.

36.4 Requirements for Principle Use.

- Uses other than for normal accessory storage within this district shall be conducted within a completely enclosed building or buildings.
- All other requirements within Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance (92-2) will remain in effect as to parking, fencing, buffer strips, etc.
- Businesses requiring municipal water and/or sewer services will comply with all regulations and requirements of any presiding agreement between the City of Grayling and Grayling Township designed to facilitate this need.

36.5 Non-permitted Uses.

- Salvage yards or businesses which require storage of unsightly material is outside of a building
- Businesses which are non-compatible, or could be determined to constitute an unnecessary risk to the health, safety and welfare of its own employees of nearby businesses, neighborhood residents, the community as a whole, or any aspect of the surrounding environment.

36.6 Conditional Uses.

- Secondary uses requested after the approval and establishment of a primary use, and not specifically prohibited in 36.5 (requires Planning Commission approval).

CASE 98-2: Grayling Township Planning Commission, petitioner
P.O. Box 521
Grayling, MI 49738

Location: Sections 20, 29, 32 & 33, T26N, R3W.

Current Zoning: Industrial and Deferred Development

A request to:

- Re-zone all state-owned Four Mile Road frontage in T26N, R3W, Sections 32 and 33, to a depth of 1,320 feet, to Planned Commercial District (PC).
- Re-zone all other state-owned property in Sections 20, 29, 32 and 33, T26N, R3W, to Planned Industrial District (PI).

Zoning Ordinance with maps and drafts of proposed ordinance amendments are available for inspection at the Grayling Township Hall during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the requests may be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (517) 348-4361 or Fax (517) 348-6713

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

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MEETING NOTICE

To: Crawford County Solid Waste Planning Committee Members and all interested parties.

From: Patrick Merrill, Crawford County Solid Waste Coordinator.

There will be a meeting of the Crawford County Solid Waste Planning Committee on April 15, 1998 at the Crawford County Building. The meeting will be held in the basement, and will begin at approximately 6:30 p.m. Please contact me at (517) 348-2841 x-258 if you have any questions.

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NOTICE LOVELLS TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

There is an opening for a part-time outside maintenance person for the Lovells Township Hall and Cemetery Grounds.

Any persons interested in applying please contact Supervisor Fred Schaibly at the Lovells Township Hall, 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling MI 49738, 348-9215 or home 348-7065

Cheryl Hopp
Lovells Township Clerk

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MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP NOTICE FOR BIDS

Maple Forest Township will be accepting bids for a Level 1 Assessor until 5 pm Monday, June 1, 1998. Please send bids to Maple Forest Township Supervisor, Mark Kniss at 7416 N. Sherman Road, Frederic, MI 49733. For additional information please call 517-348-6301 or 517-348-9801. Interested persons must be familiar with Equalizer Tax Assessing Software package. Maple Forest Township Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to accept other than a low bid and to make decisions that will be in the best interest of Maple Forest Township.

Susan M. Keene
Maple Forest Township Clerk

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CRAWFORD COUNTY PARK COMMISSION SEEKING 1998 COUNTY PARK BIDS

The Crawford County Park Commission will accept bids for the maintenance of:

- Wakeley Bridge Canoe Landing
- Whitepine Campground

The Department of Natural Resources has resumed control of Canoe Campground causing a change in the original bidding process. We apologize for any inconvenience this change may have caused.

BIDS ARE TO INCLUDE: Paper products and trash bags. Grayling Township will continue to allow disposal of all refuse at the compactor for which advance arrangements will be made. Minimum of twice weekly (Monday and Friday) **DUTIES INCLUDE:** Cleaning, disinfection and replacement of paper products within restrooms; empty garbage/trash containers and dispose of same; and to police area for litter and trash.

Please submit bids by April 15, 1998 to the Executive Confidential Secretary to The Crawford County Board of Commissioners, Crawford County Building, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738

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FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of April 12-18

ARIES

March 21-April 20

If there's an area of your life that's gotten complicated recently, it's time to put your organizational skills to work. But don't let it take too much time away from really important matters. Be willing to help a family member who needs you at the end of the week.

TAURUS

April 21-May 21

Be careful not to put too much stock in someone else's grudge. Weigh the facts before you jump to any conclusions. Don't necessarily take sides—just know the facts in case you're called on to help out. Special family time will be important this weekend.

GEMINI

May 22-June 21

It's a good week to enjoy some time with friends. Have fun doing some of the things you've been putting off for awhile. Take advantage of a bargain that will come your way this week. However, don't let your heart rule your head when it comes to finances.

CANCER

June 22-July 22

Look to the unexpected this week. First, an ally at work could come in the form of a most unexpected source. And help on the homefront could come from a relative or friend you haven't seen in awhile. Take advantage of the help—you deserve it!

LEO

July 23-August 23

This is the week of a golden opportunity, so don't be afraid to jump at the chance, even if the timing seems a bit off. You don't want to regret a missed chance later. This weekend, set aside time to help a friend with a home improvement project.

VIRGO

August 24-September 22

Choose your words wisely. It will be important to your career to think about what you're going to say before you say it. If you're not careful, someone close to you may get the wrong impression. To help clear your mind and soul, go for a long walk alone.

LIBRA

September 23-October 23

Spend some time with someone you've been neglecting. It doesn't have to be a big deal, just make some time for him/her. Stand up for yourself this week at work. Don't take the blame when it hasn't been your fault.

SCORPIO

October 24-November 22

Pitch in and help. One of your closest friends needs a hand but is afraid to broach the subject. Keep your eyes and ears open for signs and volunteer your services. Start planning an outing for you and your coworkers. Take a vote to see what others would like to do.

SAGITTARIUS

November 23-December 21

Watch your money this week. Besides buying the necessities and some extras, invest a little money for the future. Think about taking some classes to help advance your career. You will learn some valuable information while impressing important people.

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 20

Save the weekend for your neglected romance. You've been so busy with work, you let your partner take a back seat. Change that this weekend. Make plans to get away for a couple days. Or if that doesn't work out, set aside time for a romantic dinner.

AQUARIUS

January 21-February 18

Everyone wants something, and they want it now. Keep your cool and show them what you're made of. Your coolheadedness will pay off in a big way. Carry your level-headed attitude home with you. You'll need it for the problems that crop up on the homefront.

PISCES

February 19-March 20

There's a lot riding on a big project at work. Take a big step and show them you can do the work. Organize a team to get it done, then listen to what the team members have to say. At home, work to establish some new routines to get the work done.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

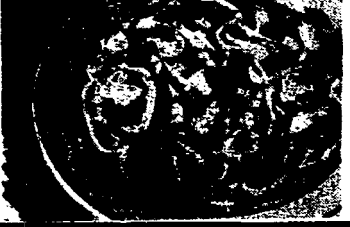
FOUR CHEESE BAKED PENNE

1 1/2 oz. margarine
1 oz. oil-purpose flour
2 cans (12 oz. each) evaporated milk
1/3 T. salt
1/4 t. cayenne pepper
1/8 t. ground nutmeg
1/2 lb. pizza four cheese, shredded*
3/4 lb. Parme, dried
2 oz. parmesan cheese, finely shredded
* combine of Mozzarella, Provolone, Romano and Parmesan cheeses.

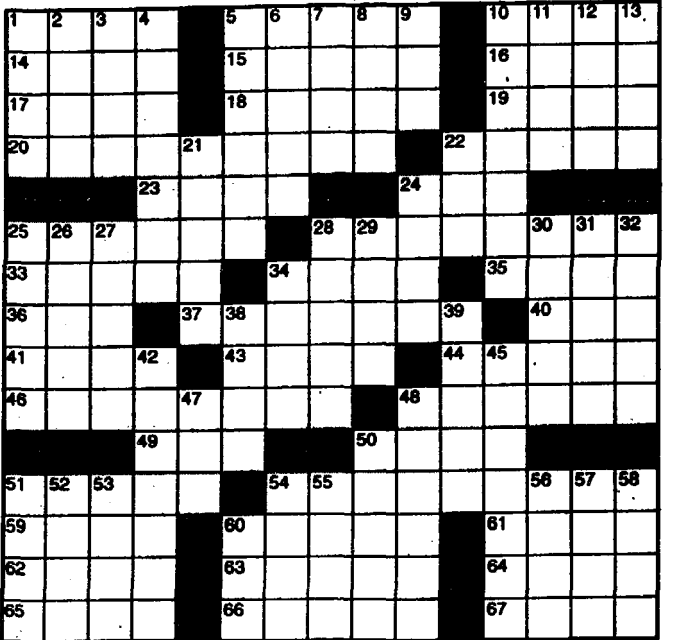
Melt margarine in saucepan; add flour. Cook and stir over low heat for about 3 minutes. Stir in evaporated milk. Continue to cook, stirring occasionally, until sauce is thickened. Add salt,

cayenne and nutmeg. Stir to mix. Remove pan from heat and stir in pizza cheese. Set sauce aside. Cook Penne in pot of salted boiling water until tender but firm. Drain without rinsing. Combine hot pasta with cheese sauce. Pour mixture into greased steamtable pan. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese evenly over top. Bake in an oven at 350°F for approximately 40 minutes—serve golden brown and bubbling hot.

Serves 6



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- Resides
- Equivocate
- Hold, as one's attention
- Goose egg
- Articulated
- Bubbleless drink
- Least rapid
- Sweet Betsy from Pike's man
- The Club (1986 film)
- Dollar bills
- Interlaced
- Aardvark
- Mother

DOWN

- "Scarborough"
- A single time only
- Prolific author: abbr.
- Eyeglass
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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 YEARS AGO April 3, 1975

Fred Bear, the legendary archer from Grayling, was inducted into the Hunting Hall of Fame at the prestigious St. Regis Hotel in Manhattan.

DNR considers and explains reasons for removing the Dam on I-75 Business Loop.

Mark Hanson, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. David "Skip" Hanson, of Grayling, has received his appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Marine Corporal Clark E. Wilcox, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Wilcox, was given a Meritorious Mast at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif., on Feb. 28, 1975.

A daughter, Kristen Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hunter of Grayling on March 26, weighing 6 lbs. 9 ozs.

Susan Stanley is COOR's Teacher-Consultant for Learning Disabilities in Crawford and Roscommon Counties.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hamilton of Grayling on March 26, a daughter, Laura Lee, weighing 8 lbs. 3 ozs.

A son, Jeremy John, was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Bowers of Grayling on March 29. He weighed 7 lbs. 4 1/2 ozs.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wilcox of Grayling are happy over the arrival of a son, Todd Howard, on March 30. He weighed 6 lbs. 10 1/2 ozs.

Mr. and Mrs. Toc Ockerman of Grayling announce the birth of a daughter, Kimberly Renee, on March 30, weighing 7 lbs. 2 1/2 ozs.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hagan of Roscommon are the parents of a girl, Nicole Lee, born on March 29, weighing 8 lbs. 3 ozs.

46 YEARS AGO April 3, 1952

A Grayling team, shooting in an

eight team indoor archery league in this area this winter, won the league championship. The league was formed of two Grayling teams, three Gaylord teams and a Mio team.

The Robert LaMotte family spent Saturday in Saginaw. They were accompanied there by Mrs. Middle LaMotte who remained to spend a week or so with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gale.

A number of Lovells men have been quite successful beaver trapping.

Caid's Grocery Store is open for business after being closed for the winter months.

Mrs. Alfred J. Sorenson was hostess to her bridge club Saturday. High Score was held by Mrs. Charles Piper, second high by Mrs. Frank Bond. Mrs. Harold MacNeven was a guest.

Rev. and Mrs. R.C. Puffer were in Evart Wednesday to attend a dairy banquet.

69 YEARS AGO April 4, 1929

The election held April 1st brought the following results: Frank Barnett, supervisor; Carl Jensen, treasurer; Charles McCullough, clerk; James McDonnell, highway commissioner; Board of Review, Grant Shaw; Hans Petersen, Justice of the Peace; overseer highway No. 1, Henry Isenhauer; overseer highway No. 2, Henry Stephan; constables, Han L. Peterson, Robert L. Chappell, Sherman Neal, Earl Nelson. Elections in other townships in the county elected the following supervisors: Frederic, Albert Lewis; Beaver Creek, George Annis; Maple Forest, Rufus Edmonds; Lovells, J.E. Kellogg; South Branch, Oliver B. Scott.

Circuit Court opens here next Tuesday with the following list of jurors: Wm. Love, George Hunter,

Chris Johnson, T.E. Douglas, Archie Howse, Charles E. Scott, A.B. Failing, Harold Leggett, Otto Failing, Joseph Duby, Archie Lozon, Hugo Schrieber, Jr., Albert Moon, John Highlen, Carl B. Larson, James Knibbs, Henry F. Scott, Mac Nowlin, Albert Roberas, John Anderson, Ernest Richardson, Herman Miller, Conrad Sorenson and Arthur Fox.

Just as we had begun to believe that Spring had finally arrived and we could get out the old spade and rake, and tulips were appearing and arbutus was beginning to bloom, snow came Sunday morning and continued until Monday night to the tune of ten inches on the level. Playing golf Saturday and winter sports Sunday is the record of the weekend. All highways were impassable.

George J. Grapsar of Detroit is opening a hotel in the Burton hotel building across from the Michigan Central depot.

A. R. Craig left for Detroit Tuesday night to purchase new cake baking equipment for the Model Bakery.

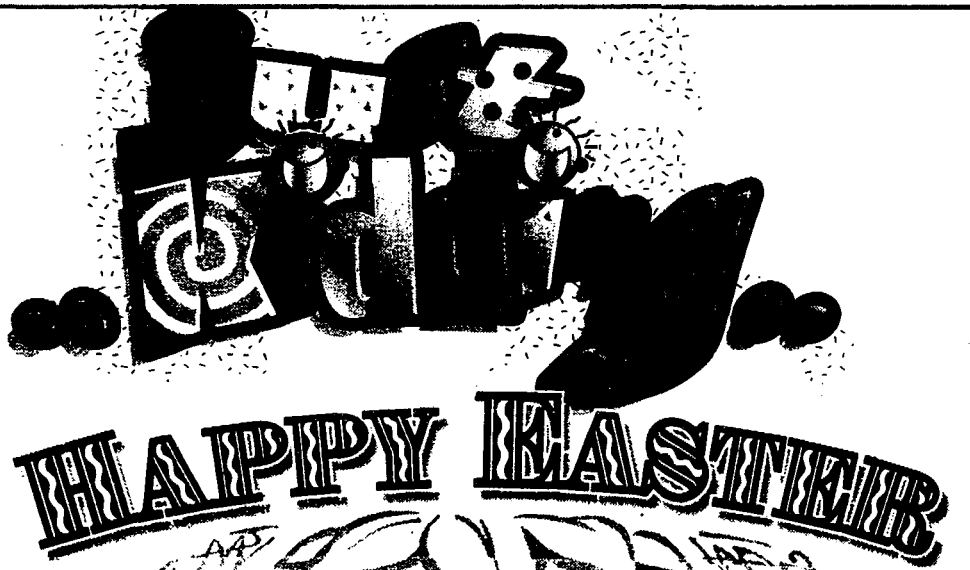
92 YEARS AGO April 5, 1905

H.C. Schmidt and wife have moved into their cozy home on Maple Street and Hans and his mother will run the store.

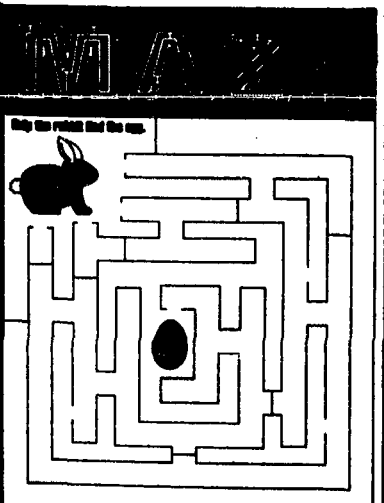
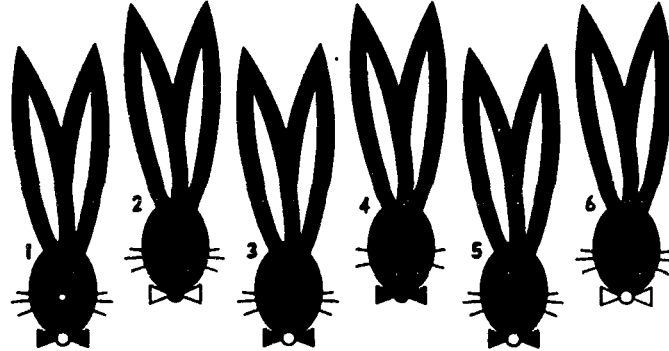
Dr. Merriman has bought the property of Lars Brolin opposite the Court House and will erect an addition to his office.

Jas. Woodburn has bought the pleasant home of Wm. G. Woodfield on Ogemaw street. Woodfield will move to Saginaw the last of the month.

Carpenters are to begin the building of eight additional rooms at Mrs. Joseph Douglas' house, Lovells, to accommodate the pleasure seekers who are expected to come when fishing season opens.



FIND THE TWINS WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	High	Low	Rain
4/1	43	36	.99
4/2	55	35	.21
4/3	39	33	.02
4/4	46	31	
4/5	52	20	
4/6	52	18	
4/7	56	20	

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FOX RUN ESTATES 3 Bedrooms, 2 baths, 2,000 sq. ft. home. T&G Cathedral ceilings, Elegant Formal entry with Marble flooring, Hardwood flooring, Master bedroom with whirlpool tub. Kitchen has a center island with induction vent, cook top range, suspended recessed lighting. Insulated/drywalled garage, underground irrigation system, circle blacktop drive plus much more! Call for details: \$225,000 CH-731



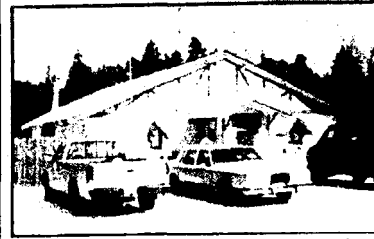
QUIET, YOUNG, CONVENIENT NEIGHBORHOOD Three bedrooms, one bath offers 1,080 sq. ft. Walk-out patio door off dining room. Large picture window and free-standing fireplace in living room. Appliances include stove, refrigerator and dishwasher. Two-car attached garage. Conveniently located close to schools, town and recreational activities. \$48,500. CS-682



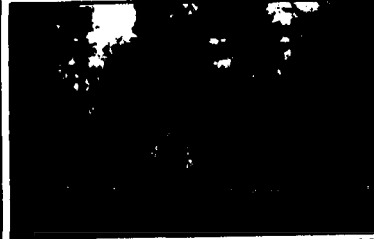
SPACIOUS FAMILY HOME WITH A COUNTRY SETTING. Fronts Manistee River Road, close access to Manistee River, snowmobile, horse, and hiking trails. 1,536 sq. ft., 4 bedrooms, 2 bath, family room with sliding door wall onto deck. 24x32 pole barn, high eff. hot water B/B heat, enclosed porch, 2 storage buildings, and a dog kennel. Immediate occupancy! \$70,200 CH-733.



CHARM, DIGNITY AND CHARACTER... Best describes this chalet close to Lake Margrethe. Features include: 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1,152 sq. ft., kitchen features oak & almond cabinets with lazy susan and breakfast bar, Sun porch, Andersen windows, appliances include washer, dryer, stove and refrigerator. \$63,900 CS-720



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SECLUDED RIVERFRONT HOME OFFERS 1,600 SQ. FT. Two bedrooms with hardwood floors, living room offers knotty pine walls, two garages, two basements with separate entrances, cyclone-fenced yard, fenced garden area, beautiful mixture of trees with babbling creek running through. 100' on the famed "Holy Waters" of the AuSable Mainstem, on 3.63 acres. Reduced to \$85,000. CS-493



PRIVATE LAKE ACCESS TO LAKE MARGRETHE! Convenience, Privacy, Recreational facilities just steps away. 3 bedroom, 1 bath offers 964 sq. ft., natural gas heat, brick fireplace with insert, cable TV, and hardwood floors in living room and 2 bedrooms. Great location and close to town. \$69,000 CS-730



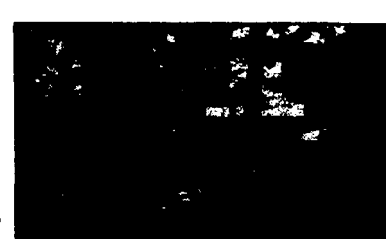
AFFORDABLE COTTAGE ON M-72 EAST. Great access with this 1 bedroom cottage, close to Knell Lake and AuSable River. Knotty pine interior. Well with hand pump. Electricity but no septic system. 6x10 storage building, perfect get-away on 1.8 acres. Immediate occupancy! \$16,000 CH-732



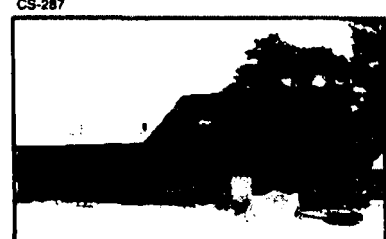
RANCH-STYLE HOME nestled amongst virgin pines on approximately one acre +/-, Features include 917 sq. ft., LP forced air heat, two bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, wood-stove in living room, walk-out patio door off dining area onto deck. Dishwasher, garbage disposal, and washer/dryer included. Blacktop drive, two car detached garage. New plumbing, electric and furnace, roof four years old. Thousands of acres of federal land with Waukegan Lake across the road. AuSable River 1/2 mile, country store 1/2 mile. \$54,500 CS-629



3080 JONES LAKE ROAD 1.4 acres on blacktop, only minutes from Grayling. New, three bedrooms, two baths, vaulted drywall ceilings with skylights, fireplace, doorwall onto deck. Appliances included, energy-efficient 6" sidewalls, ins., crawl, vinyl thermo windows, less than replacement at \$54,000 CH-285



TALKING HOUSE
180' AUSSABLE RIVER FRONTAGE This beautiful home has approximately 180' of AuSable River frontage and 150' of road frontage, and is a 1 1/2 story with a walk out basement. Interior has wainscoting, paneling and sheet rock, with Andersen and Acom windows. Kitchen has ceramic tile at entrance, with french doors. REDUCED \$225,000 CS-287

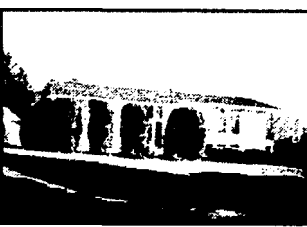


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AUSSABLE RIVER HOME City of Grayling, 2,288 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, family room, 2 baths. One-car garage with ample storage. Guest house with kitchenette and bath. Home has natural gas fireplace, recently remodeled bath and kitchen. Excellent hunting area with state land outside the door. Includes appliances. \$119,900 (SG-22) (MC-532)



2 BEDROOM YEAR-ROUND HOME on 3 large lots. 900 sq. ft., 2 car garage with 2 attached carports, garden area & all appliances. Only four years old. Lots of charm and only 1/2 miles from Bear Lake access \$39,000. (DM-44)



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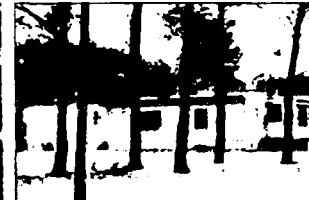
CUTE 2 BEDROOM, full log home with 100' frontage on Lake Manistee south of Waters on Old 27. One-car garage with ample storage. Guest house with kitchenette and bath. Home has natural gas fireplace, recently remodeled bath and kitchen. Excellent hunting area with state land outside the door. Includes appliances. \$119,900 (SG-22) (MC-532)



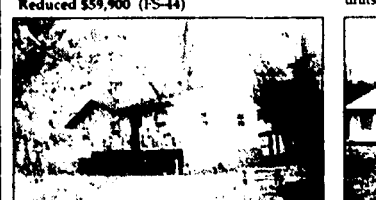
NEW HOME on 2 1/2 acres, located off of M-72 East. Three bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. Includes stove and refrig. Near state land, snowmobile trails and AuSable River. Reduced \$59,900 (FS-44)



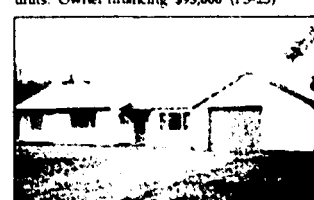
COMMERCIAL FRONTAGE on Old 27 North (Business Loop I-75). Six rental units on 300' frontage. Excellent gross with possibilities for a business and living quarters, and other rental units. Owner financing \$93,000 (FS-25)



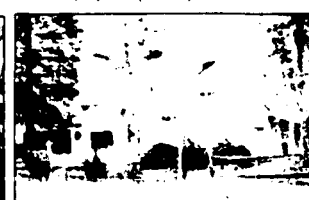
TWO-BEDROOM MOBILE with 9x26 addition with woodburner, 1 1/2 acres, close to state land and snowmobile trails. \$29,900 (SG-30)



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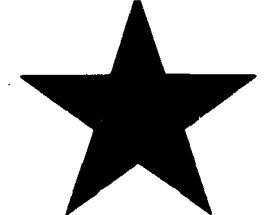


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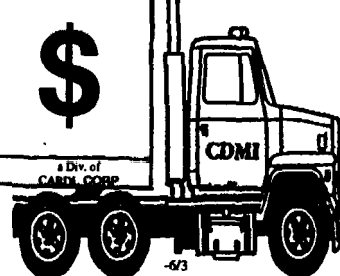
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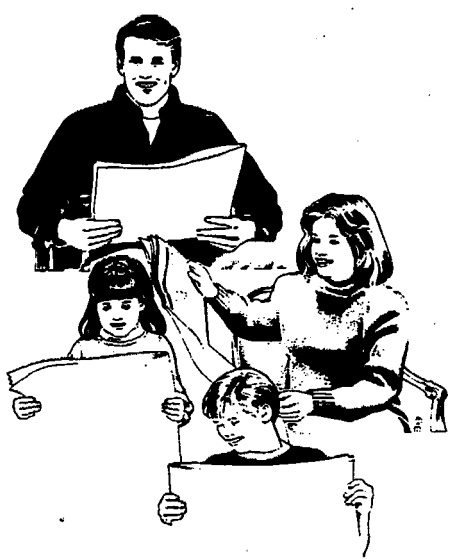
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11. Automotive

1992 PONTIAC GRAND AM SE two door, power locks, new tires, exhaust, brakes, AM/FM CD Kenwood stereo. Asking \$5,000. Call 348-1456. (-9-16/11)

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11. Automotive

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8. Announcements



Sunday - 1:30 pm
Grayling Eagles Auxiliary #3465
Eagles Club, 602 Huron Grayling

Wednesday - 6:30 pm
Knights of Columbus
K of C Hall, 604 Norway Grayling

Thursday - 7 pm
American Legion Hall
Post 106 - Grayling

Friday - 6:30 pm
Grayling Eagles Aerie #3465
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Saturday - 6:30 pm
Frederic Volunteer Fire Department
Frederic Township Hall

11. Automotive

1992 CHEVROLET S10 ext. cab, V6, 86,000 miles, looks good, runs great, asking \$4,295. 1994 Chevrolet full size pick-up with canvas cover, 71,000 miles, extra clean, asking \$9,795. Call Ron or leave message at 517-348-6761. (2/19/98t/11)

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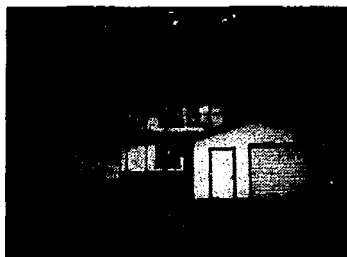
Cathedral ceilings trimmed out in rough sawn cedar, house remodeled and layed out for comfort. Association benefits of Warblers Hideaway includes, swimming pool, rifle & bow range and much more. #4245 \$88,500 Ask for John Kuszak!



On this river front home full log home sets on 234 feet of frontage on the AuSable. Featuring 2,304 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, attached garage, skylights and covered porch. #4092 \$129,000 Ask for Debbie Bondar!



Your focal point upon entering into the living room will be the attractive stone fireplace w/brass framed doors. Large windows across the front of the home lends a splendid view of the AuSable River. Lower level features wet bar, sauna, 3/4 bath and doorwall leading out to the deck overlooking the river. #4242 \$249,900 Ask for John Kuszak



1,920 Sq. Ft. home located close to Lake Margrethe features 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 bathrooms, living room and family room. #4191 \$83,500 Ask for John Kuszak!



New Listing Watching the beautiful sunsets from one of two decks or on the dock at clean Cub Lake. Located just between Grayling and Kalkaska on a black top road. #4261 \$69,900 Ask for Jim Wiltse!



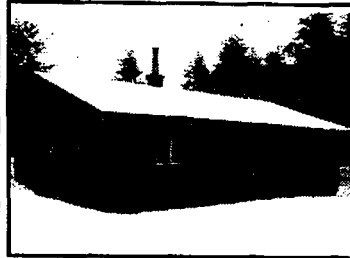
New Listing Imagine a wrap around porch on a country styled 2 story home. Over 2300 sq. ft. of STUNNING interior design, ceramic kitchen counter-tops, island, built-ins, breakfast nook, 3 large bedrooms. Only 2 years old and situated on 9+ acres of mixed hardwoods. "Pride of Ownership" is written all over this home and property. This is a must see! #4270 \$174,900 Ask for Debbie Bondar!



New Listing Furnishings negotiable. Well insulated. New metal roof and easy to heat. A good starter home or investment property. #4240 \$27,500 Ask for Jim Wiltse!



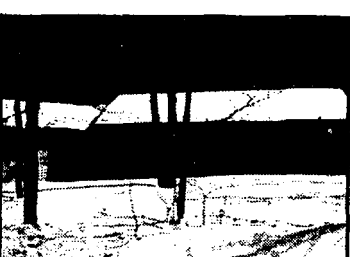
New Listing Energy efficient home located close to town. All appliances are gas and average Michcon Bill is \$40-\$45 monthly. Large garage, blacktop drive and a "picture perfect" setting and locations. #4253 \$74,900 Ask for Debbie Bondar!



New Listing Excellent location for snowmobilers; next to Blue Bear Trail. Cute and neat recreational home, with an "upnorth" feeling. Includes appliances and furnishings; just bring your suitcase. #4260 \$31,900 Ask for Debbie Bondar!



New Listing A perfect family home. Nicely and tastefully remodeled is this large and spacious "Pride of Ownership" home. Situated on 2 corner lots, and close to everything in town. Now drywall & carpet upstairs and spacious basement as an office or rec area. Sit on the front deck to watch the parade or enjoy the warm summer nites. #4267 \$114,900. Ask for Debbie Bondar!



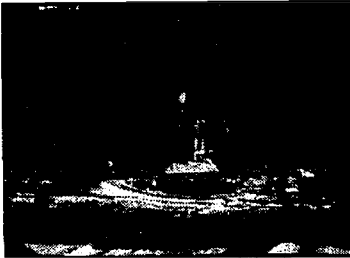
New Listing Newly Constructed high quality home located close to Lake Margrethe has Oak hardwood flooring in the kitchen and hall, cathedral ceilings in the Great Room. Ceramic tile floors in the bathrooms and hand made oak butcher block tops along with ceramic tile tops in kitchen attached 2 car garage and much more. #4258 \$120,000 Ask for Connie Winans!



New Listing This home has several nice features, including a full wall fireplace in the living room, insulated garage, very large master bedroom and convenient large kitchen pantry. On the river-side of the home, sits a nice concrete patio steps to a treated dock on the water. #4263 \$93,900 Ask for Randy Thompson!



Sparkling interior in this roomy, 3 bedroom home. Featuring a family room addition, bright kitchen with snack bar, extra insulation throughout, landscaping, sidewalks and 24x32 pole barn. #4234 \$49,900 Ask for Connie Winans!



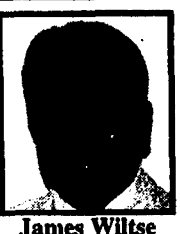
Almost 1 1/2 acres of beautiful hardwoods, nestled next to state land, features a 2 story 30x20 pole barn with electricity. #4228 \$26,000 Ask for Connie Winans!



This 2 bedroom home is situated on a nice corner lot in a great location. Featuring a large garage, enclosed porch, partial basement and a deck. #4237 \$69,500 Ask for Jim Wiltse!



Randy Thompson



James Wiltse



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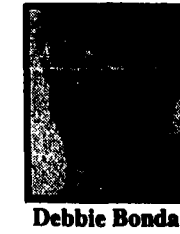
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